

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

## Luke 18:9-14

**Ice Breaker:** What's an evidence of God's grace you've seen this week?

**Ice Breaker:** Share a funny story when you were humbled either as a child or adult.

**Ice Breaker:** Have you ever heard a sermon that you felt was just especially for you?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Who does Jesus direct this parable to as we see in verse 9?
2. There are two main characters in this parable. Who are they and how would they be perceived in Jesus' time?
3. What does their posture in prayer tell us about the posture of their hearts?
4. How does Jesus say these men are received by the Lord? How are we justified (declared not guilty) before a holy God? (Romans 3:20-24)
5. What is the danger of believing that the list of sins we haven't done or people we are not like gives us a right standing before God?
6. What are some examples in the Scriptures where God exalts the humble but brings down the proud? How does Jesus model this pattern in the Scriptures?
7. What are some ways spiritual pride shows up in the church? Where do you see it in your own life?
8. How can we guard against spiritual pride in our own lives and in our church?
9. What does it look like to cultivate humility in your life? How can confession of sin help us cultivate humility?