



Practicing the Way

Week 4

Look Back:

How did you practice being with Jesus and His Holy Spirit in difficult moments this week?

Look Up:

Read [Luke 18:9-14](#)

1. Who was Jesus' target audience for this story? What was Jesus' goal and purpose of the story, and how does this story apply to people today?
2. What was the Pharisee's prayer focused on, and what does this tell us about him?
3. How did the tax collector's approach to God differ from the Pharisee? What specifically did he do differently and why?
4. How easy is it for you to approach God like the tax collector? What helps or hinders you from taking this approach?

Read [1 John 1:8-10](#) and [Proverbs 16:18-20](#)

5. What does 1 John 1:8-10 say we should do with "sins" – our failures, mistakes, faults, and the damage done by them? Why is this a significant and necessary step to take?
6. What does God promise to give us 1 John 1:9 when we confess our sin and shame to Him? How have you experienced this personally in your life?
7. What specific instruction, encouragement, and warnings are found in these 2 passages? How should this impact the way we pray and approach God with our shame and sins?

Overall (Discovery Bible Study)

- What do these scriptures say about God?
- What do they say about people?
- How will I apply this to my life?

Look Ahead:

How will you approach God with a spirit of humility and confession in your prayers this week?

Notes

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross! Therefore, God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, Philippians 2:5-9