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“If we make every effort to cover our sin and hide our need, we clearly have not understood the gospel.”

- Marshall Segal

Primary Text: Luke 18:9-14 (The Pharisee and Tax Collector)

1. Pray (2 mins)

Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God’s word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive.

- How was the homework? Any discoveries you would like to share?
- When reflecting on the parables we have covered thus far, how could you use a parable in sharing the gospel? Which one would you use?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

3. Illuminate (30 mins)

On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.

- In verse 9, Luke once again gives us an interpretation of the parable that is to come, what does he tell us?
- What is wrong with the Pharisee’s prayer? How does it contrast from Jesus’ instruction in the Lord’s Prayer (Matt. 6:9-13)?
- The Tax Collector was contrite in heart. If you are honest, would you say that your prayers are more Pharisaical or contrite in nature?
- Why did the tax collector end up “going down to his house justified”? What does this phrase mean? Why is this so important for us to understand?
- Jesus, once again, proposes a shocking reversal for his audience. Any other parables conclude like this?
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Let’s close our Bibles and notes and try to walk through this text together as a group from memory.

4. Pray (10 mins)

Learn about prayer. Close in prayer.

“I know of no better thermometer to your spiritual temperature than this—the measure of the intensity of your prayer. I am not speaking about the quantity of it, for there are some who, for a pretense, make long prayers. I am speaking about the reality of it, the intensity of it.

- Charles Spurgeon

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⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed^[a] thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

READY HOMEWORK

(Find Ready Resources at warrenbaptist.org/ready)

1) Read Luke 18:11-27 (The Parable of the Ten Minas)

¹¹ As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately. ¹² He said therefore, "A nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and then return. ¹³ Calling ten of his servants, he gave them ten minas, and said to them, 'Engage in business until I come.' ¹⁴ But his citizens hated him and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We do not want this man to reign over us.' ¹⁵ When he returned, having received the kingdom, he ordered these servants to whom he had given the money to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by doing business. ¹⁶ The first came before him, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made ten minas more.' ¹⁷ And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant! Because you have been faithful in a very little, you shall have authority over ten cities.' ¹⁸ And the second came, saying, 'Lord, your mina has made five minas.' ¹⁹ And he said to him, 'And you are to be over five cities.' ²⁰ Then another came, saying, 'Lord, here is your mina, which I kept laid away in a handkerchief; ²¹ for I was afraid of you, because you are a severe man. You take what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' ²² He said to him, 'I will condemn you with your own words, you wicked servant! You knew that I was a severe man, taking what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow? ²³ Why then did you not put my money in the bank, and at my coming I might have collected it with interest?' ²⁴ And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to the one who has the ten minas.' ²⁵ And they said to him, 'Lord, he has ten minas!' ²⁶ 'I tell you that to everyone who has, more will be given, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ²⁷ But as for these enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, bring them here and slaughter them before me.'"

2) What do you think Jesus' main message was in this text? Any questions you need to research further?
