

Week of 9.30.18

The Parables

Leaving Church Unchanged

Luke 18:9-17



1. Recall what Pastor said about how tax collectors were viewed by the average Jew in Jesus' day. Then read the following passages that deal with God's attitude toward "tax collectors." Write down any thoughts and how this affects your view of God, view of self and view of others:
 - Luke 5:27-32
 - Luke 7:24
 - Luke 15:1,2
 - Luke 18:9-14
 - Luke 19:1-10
2. Pastor often describes himself (before trusting in Jesus Christ) as "highly religious but totally lost." Discuss how this is counterintuitive to our human thinking and also discuss how to relate the Gospel to the person who you deem "highly religious but probably lost."
3. Augustine said, "God is high! Exalt yourself and He flees from you. Humble yourself and He stoops to you." It reminds me of Psalm 138:6 "Though the Lord is high yet He has respect to the lowly, but the proud He knows afar off." Discuss how this has proven true (or not true) in your life.

Communication Card Next Steps: Memorize Psalm 138:6

1. I will take this morning's passage of Scripture and message and ask God to change a specific aspect of my life.
2. I will commit to changing the way I approach the Sunday Worship service by preparing to hear from God and responding to what I hear.