



What Would Jesus Undo? – Spiritual Pride

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Key Verses: Luke 18: 9-14

Talk Summary

- Steve and Aaron considered the difference between the spiritual pride of the Pharisee, and the humility and repentance of the Tax Collector.
- The Pharisee failed to realize that what he had is a gift from God, instead he saw himself as a gift to God.
- They talked about the false promises that spiritual pride is rooted in:
 1. Self-sufficiency – “I’ve got this”
 2. Self-importance – “I am valuable”
 3. Self-exaltation – “I am better”
- Thinking about what happens when we deal with spiritual pride:
 - When we empty ourselves, we are in a perfect position to be filled by God’s grace
 - When we empty ourselves, we are in the perfect position to be used by God

Small Group Questions

Thinking about the theme, read the suggested verses, take some time to ask the Holy Spirit what He's saying through these verses, and share with each other:

1. Who was Jesus addressing through this parable and what does it teach us about his kingdom mission on earth?
2. What are the situations and circumstances that lead us to behave and think like the Pharisee, what are the situations and circumstances that lead us to behave and think like the tax collector?
3. Is 'reverse spiritual pride' a thing? What is it, how do we identify it and what should our response be?
4. What does a justified (made right with God), tax collector look like? What does a justified Pharisee look like? What do we learn from this?

To ponder or pray about this week

- What is it that I need to empty myself of, to be in a perfect position to be filled by God's grace?
- What is it that I need to empty myself of, to be in a perfect position to be used by God?