

## CHANGED FOR GOOD: WEEK 10 – Luke 18:9-14

This week we continue in the series Changed for Good. This week we will engage the topic of humility. Before we do that, take a moment to look back at the passage we studied this past weekend, Luke 24:13-49.

1. Re-read Luke 24:13-49. Reflecting back on this passage, what were you most struck by? What specific item did you learn about Jesus that impacts your life today?

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2. Think back to the sermon this past weekend. Was there anything in the message that was particularly helpful or challenging to you? How has God been using that in your life? Take a moment and share that with your group.

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Take a moment to review the “nail” for this past week. The “nail” is the main point that we want to drive deep into our hearts and allow the Spirit of God to change us, and use to help us look more like Jesus.

### **NAIL: He is Risen!**

He is alive! Today! Forever! The phrase “He is risen!” is short, but loaded with implication. He is alive. He conquered sin. He rules and reigns. He is Lord. Easter is most definitely a time to celebrate the fact that Jesus has risen. But embrace the implications of the risen, ruling Savior of the world and how your life is now changed.

Looking ahead to this coming weekend, take some time to read **Luke 18:9-14**. This parable told by Jesus contrasts true and false humility and true and false righteousness. As you engage this passage, be sure to allow the Spirit of God to engage your heart in these matters and to be humble enough to admit to God where you are really at.

3. Read v.9. Describe the audience that Jesus was addressing in this parable? What are some current examples of individuals or groups that would fit this description? When examining v.9, what do you believe is the single greatest issue regarding the mindset of this group? Why is that particular item so dangerous and heinous?

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4. Look at v.10. What did a tax collector represent at that time? What did a Pharisee represent at that time? How has Jesus in starting the parable in this way, set the stage to really communicate what he wants to?

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5. Read v. 11-12. What is your initial reaction when you read this? Why do you think that is? What is the heart of the Pharisee's prayer? Now this may be difficult, but how are you like this Pharisee? In what ways in your life do you think and act like the man described in v.11-12?

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6. Read v. 13. What is your initial reaction when you read this? What is the heart of the tax collector's prayer? How are you like this tax collector? In what ways in your life are you missing what the tax collector has found? How do you plan to change this?

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7. Read v. 14. What is Jesus' conclusion regarding these two men? Where is justification found? Where is not found? How has this passage challenged you to change? What will you do differently based on what you have learned here in Luke 18?

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