



Two Men in the Temple - Ed Baker

Icebreaker:

1. Do you spell it: "OK" or "okay"?
2. What is one random fact you know?

Summary:

We church people are probably closer to the Pharisee than the tax collector. We must acknowledge our sin and have a clear picture of who we really are.

Engage the Bible:

Read Luke 18:9-14: Pharisee and Tax Collector. Discuss as a group

Small Group Questions:

- Who were the people for whom Jesus told this story? What two issues did these people have?
- How would you rate your own righteousness on a scale of 1-10?
- If there are differences in people, why might it be wrong to think of oneself as better than someone else?
- In what area of life do you have confidence in yourself? Is this good or bad?
- Is the problem of self-righteousness much of an issue in the church today?
- What did the tax collector have trouble understanding about God?
- What did the Pharisee have trouble understanding about God?
- How can we help people today who are like either of these men?
- When and how will Jesus' conclusion take place?