

# SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

*THE RELIGIOUS, THE RICH, AND THE REPENTANT*

LUKE 18:9-14, 18-30; 19:1-10

JUNE 23, 2024

## SERMON OUTLINE:

1. The Religious (18:9-14)
2. The Rich (18:18-30)
3. The Repentant (19:1-10)

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Each of the Gospels presents a unique portrait of Jesus, and Luke's portrait is Jesus as the Savior of the world. That is, Jesus has come to reconcile *all* people to the Father. How do you see that emphasis represented in this particular passage?
2. In this passage, Luke compares and contrasts three different characters with three different responses to Jesus. The Pharisee responds with self-righteousness; the rich ruler responds with despair at the thought of losing worldly comfort; Zacchaeus responds with eager repentance. In which of these characters do you see yourself most and why?
3. Read Luke 18:9-14 and consider how the Pharisee views not only himself but other people. Why is there so often a connection between self-righteousness and contempt for others? In what ways do you tend to use others as a metric of your own righteousness, and what is your motivation when doing so?
4. This entire passage is meant to shock and astound us when seeing who does and doesn't enter into the kingdom of God. Who would you be astounded – even offended! – to see forgiven by Christ like Zacchaeus was? What might this reveal about our understanding of the gospel and God's kingdom?
5. We often think of repentance as simply asking for forgiveness or saying, "I'm sorry" to the party we've wronged. What does genuine repentance look like according to Zacchaeus's example?
6. In what areas of your life do you need to respond in eager repentance like we see in Luke 19:1-10? What barriers have been keeping you from responding in repentance?