

Community Groups are used extensively as the primary vehicle for discipleship at The Gathering and run on a quarter system. There is one in the fall, one in the winter and one in the spring. During the summer weeks we don't meet in Community Groups but we still offer the Growth Guides as a tool to help you grow personally. The Growth Guides are designed to help you dig deeper into the weekly sermon on your own or with your family and are available each week along with the note sheets at church as well as online.

COMMUNITY GROUPS ARE BETTER WHEN MEMBERS COME PREPARED. THIS GUIDE HAS BEEN PROVIDED AS A TOOL FOR THAT.

Consider...

Use the summary and discussion below to review and apply this week's message:

Message Summary

This week, Adam shared with us a message of humility. As you saw in the video of the burger challenge, he was all in because he thought he had the right stuff to finish the challenge. Similarly we see that the parable had two different types of people. One was all in on himself, and the other was all in on humility. We saw that **"You can't be all in on humility if you are full of yourself!"** So what does life look like when we are all in on humility?

1. **If we are All In on Humility, then we will recognize the source of righteousness.** The Pharisee prayed to God and told Him how righteous he was because he couldn't see past his pride. He trusted that he was righteous because of what he had done and who he was. The tax collector prayed to God but wouldn't even look up to Him, because of who he was and what he had done. Humility makes the difference.
2. **If we are All In on Humility, then we will become broken over our sinfulness.** The Pharisee looked down on others due to their sinfulness, but didn't acknowledge his own. The tax collector couldn't look at others because he was broken over his sinfulness. When we are all in on humility, we are broken over our sins and the grief it has caused God.
3. **If we are All In on Humility, then we will come before God with a repentant heart.** The Pharisee never prayed asking God to change him or for anything from God. The tax collector prayed that God would have mercy on him because of his position in the presence of God, A sinner. Humility leads us to repentance because we understand our position in the presence of God, sinners who are in need of a savior.

Discuss

Use the following questions to review and apply the points learned in the message.

- How easy is it to think that our good deeds make us righteous? Are you more likely to feel self-righteous when you see other people's sins?
- What is the difference between true righteousness and self-righteousness?
- What keeps you from being broken over your sins?
- What does it mean to be broken over your sins?
- Read Psalm 51:16-17, what sacrifice does God want from us?
- Read Isaiah 57:15, how is it encouraging to know that God is with the broken?
- Why does repentance require us to be humble?
- Thinking about the illustration Adam gave about pottery, how does old clay limit what the potter can make from it? How does humility allow us to ask God, the Ultimate Potter, to change us and turn us into something useful?