

SUNDAY MORNING TEACHING GUIDE

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We as humans have a deep desire to be *right*. Self-righteousness does not bring about peace. Receiving Christ and his work for us puts us in a new position where we no longer have to strive to be right and allows doors to open to have peace with others.



CONVERSATION STARTER

How does it feel when you're "right" about something and why?

READ AND DISCUSS

Jesus shares a parable with us because he saw that people can be self-righteous (thinking I'm good and right) and to treat other with contempt (looking down on others).

Peace is impossible for us when we look at ourselves as *right* and *good* and others *wrong* or *bad*.

Read Luke 18:9-14

Why did Jesus tell this parable?

What are some examples where you think people are showing contempt towards each other?

Have you ever thought, I'm glad I'm not like "those" people? When and why?

Explain some areas or relationships where you find yourself fighting to be right. Why do we feel the need to be right and justify ourself?

Why is it hard to admit when you're wrong?

Why do you think Jesus prefers the tax collector to the Pharisee?

APPLICATION

If you were more like the tax collector in this parable, how would it reshape your relationships and conversations?

Imagine what life would be like if we were able to go through life saying in humility, "be merciful on me, a sinner" as opposed to in self-righteousness "I'm glad I'm not like those other people."

Be intentional this week to be humble first instead of seeking to be "right." Try to take a different approach in your relationships and enter into those moments with humility and not self-righteousness. See how that leads to inner peace.