

Small Group Study Guide, Week of July 5, 2026

Luke 18:9-14, "Who Does God Promote?" Pastor Tim Cho

Q: What kind of a person does God promote in His Kingdom?

Big Idea: God takes and promotes the poor in spirit in His kingdom.

Ice Breaker: In high school, were you among the nerds, the jocks, the Barbies, the preachers, the stoners, the losers, or what other social clique? Which group did you wish you were in?

Dig:

1. Compare and contrast the Pharisee and the tax collector in terms of their actions, their attitudes, and the content of their prayers. In what ways do you identify with each?
2. What does God require in prayer?

Apply:

3. If Jesus told this parable today, what group of people would be the Pharisee? The tax collector?
4. In your life right now, would you say you are more like the Pharisee or like the tax collector? Why? What is God calling you to do about that?

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