

Introduction

Read: Luke 18:9-14

1. "Sorry" is not always easy to say. Sometimes, we may simply say it, but it's not what we truly feel.
2. However, everyone makes mistakes! There's no one in the world who is perfect.
3. Last week, we talked about how we can admit mistakes we make in our lives.
4. As we read the illustration from the Bible, we see two men who positioned themselves differently.
5. The Pharisee positioned himself with pride, while the tax collector positioned himself with humility.
6. When we position ourselves in humility, we will then be able to see the areas we need to grow in, and learn from our mistakes.
7. In this lesson, we're going to see how we can position ourselves in humility.

I. Start By Making God Great

A. The tax collector was able to position himself in humility because he recognised how great God is (v13).

B. Make worship a part of our daily lives.

E.g. Sing a chorus during our personal devotions, listen to at least one worship song a day and reflect on the lyrics, etc.

C. Remember how much God loves what is right and pure.

"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

- Philippians 4:8

D. Talk to others about how great God is!

II. Recognise Our Need For Help

A. The tax collector recognised that he needed God to have mercy on him, while the Pharisee didn't think he needed any help (v11).

B. Be real about our mistakes and weaknesses.

E.g. If we ignore how badly we are scoring for our exams, we won't be able to get help and improve! It's better to be real about our need for help!

Discuss!

Connect Group Leader to facilitate sharing with the Connect Group members.

- *What are some reasons we don't like to be real about our mistakes and weaknesses?*
- *Give an example of how you were real about a weakness, and it helped you to grow.*

C. Don't compare our actions with that of others in order to excuse ourselves.

D. Compare ourselves to Jesus Christ, according to the standards written in His word.

III. Look For Ways To Change

A. The Pharisee took pride in his actions (v12), but the tax collector recognised his actions were wrong and needed to change (v13).

B. Cry out to God and ask Him to help us to change our wrong attitudes and behaviours.

C. As we read the Bible, write down areas in which we can change to be more like Jesus (Read Philippians 2:5-11).

D. Ask our leaders and trusted friends to correct us when we don't seem to be living God's way.

Conclusion

1. We will all make mistakes, but if we are humble we can learn from them!
2. We can be humble by recognising how great God is, and how much we need His help.
3. Actively look for ways we can grow and change to be more like Jesus.

Prayer Points:

- Declare how great God is by claiming how powerful and perfect He is!
- Ask God for courage to be honest about our mistakes.
- Ask God to show us how to change our wrong attitudes and behaviours.

**Give opportunities for visitors to receive Christ and members to re-dedicate their lives to Jesus.*