

## 081918 Growth Group Study



**Extravagant Mercy**

### 1. Discussion around most recent sermon

- a. **Date:** 08/19/18
- b. **Series:** Overflowing Extravagance
- c. **Title:** Extravagant Mercy
- d. **Text:** Luke 18:9-14
- e. **Preacher:** Ryan Hinn

### f. **Scripture Reading: James 4:6-10**

6 Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

**g. Sermon Text: Luke 18:9-14**

9 He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: 10 “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. 11 The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. 12 I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ 13 But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ 14 I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**h. Specific discussion questions from the sermon**

1. Who is Jesus targeting with this parable? (v 9)
2. Discuss the tax man’s view of himself vs. the Pharisee view of himself.
3. What is the main theme of this parable?
4. How do you typically fill in the blank, “I’m glad I’m not like \_\_\_\_\_.”  
Why do you find yourself filling the blank in that way?
5. What is good news for you from this parable?
6. Are you susceptible to this danger? Explain and give examples.
7. What are you willing to put on your spiritual resume? Explain.

**i. Reference Texts / Books**

1. Kenneth Bailey, *Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes*
2. Joel Green, *The Gospel of Luke Commentary (NICNT)*
3. David Wenham, *The Parables of Jesus*