

# **LUKE: jesus' parables**

LEADERS NOTES

**Ken Moser**



## **LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES:**

### **Dear Leader,**

#### **Welcome to Luke: Jesus' Parables**

The goal of this study series is to help your small group understand some of the parables of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. My hope is that these studies will help the young people in your group live for Jesus and have fruitful lives in his kingdom.

These leader's notes are designed to give you a brief yet clear help as you go through the questions.

#### **Please note a couple of important things:**

1. You may find that these studies have too much content. I wrote them this way because many of us have had the horrible experience of realizing that the study was moving too quickly and we were soon going to run out of time! With this in mind, I decided that "more may be helpful" and erred on giving too many questions, Bible passages etc. There are usually three Bible passage per study—you may find this to be too much content. If you have time, go over the study beforehand to decide if there is indeed, too much here for your group. You can simply trim the studies by dropping out a sharing question or one of the Bible passages.
2. With a bit of prior preparation, you may be able to stretch some of these studies over two weeks. If you think the topic is valuable, and don't wish to cut out any content, give it a try.
3. Some groups may find it helpful to do the studies in advance. In other words, if your group is comfortable with this, have them do it before they come to the weekly group (kind of like homework!) This will give them time to reflect on the study and be prepared.
4. Remember, it is ok to not know all the answers. Young people are good at asking tough questions. Your job is to help them get to know Jesus better. God doesn't expect you to know everything. Tell them that "that is a great question, I'm not sure I know the answer to this. Can you give me a week to check it out?" You can then find someone who may know the answer and report back to the group.
5. Finally, the answers I have provided are my view on what are the true and appropriate answers for each question. Please realize that you may have slightly different understanding and approach the questions a bit differently. That is ok.

I do hope you enjoy these studies and that they are a real blessing to your group!

Ken Moser

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES: PRODUCE A GOOD CROP: THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER AND THE SEEDS, LUKE 8:4-15

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5: 22-23

Dear Leader,

This study is designed to show your group that:

1. We must pay careful attention to the word of God.
2. We must be people of 'good soil' and produce spiritual fruit for Jesus.

This is one of the most famous stories of Jesus. Make sure however, that your group doesn't see this as merely a children's story. It contains a very serious message for all people who want to follow Jesus.

## Let's get started

What is your favorite vegetable—do you have one? How do you like it cooked?

Have you ever grown anything? (Circle your answer.)

a veggie garden      a flower      a tree      a weed mold  
something else \_\_\_\_\_      I've never grown a thing!

How did it go? Did you get to eat anything from the work you put into it?

## going deeper

This famous story. Read Luke 8: 4-15.

Part I: v. 4-8

Have you ever read or heard this story before?

What immediately impacts you when you hear it?

What is the seed that is being planted (v. 11)?

The Word of God (the gospel of Jesus)

Write down where each of the 4 seeds lands and what happens to it.

	Where does the seed land?	What happens to it?
Seed 1 (v. 5)	The Path	trampled / eaten by birds
Seed 2 (v. 6)	Rock	withers (no moisture)
Seed 3 (v. 7)	Thorns / weeds	choked
Seed 4 (v. 8)	Good soil	Produced a great crop

**But I thought parables were supposed to be simple! Part II: v. 9–10**

[A parable can sometimes seem a bit like a fairy tale or a fable—a simple story with an easy to understand message. Here in v. 9–11 we are told that this isn't the case!]

Read v. 9–11 again.

**Why does Jesus seem to be making it impossible for people to turn to him? Doesn't he want everybody to follow him?**

Apparently not. Some will stay outside of the kingdom.

[If you need more help on this tricky subject have a look at John 6:44–45 (see also Matt. 11:25–27).]

**The story is explained! Part III: v. 11–15**

Write down what each of the 4 seeds is and what happens.

	What happens spiritually?
Seed 1 (v. 12)	Devil takes away word taken from hearts / not saved
Seed 2 (v. 13)	Joy / no root. Fall away
Seed 3 (v. 14)	Hear. Choked by worries / riches / pleasures / no maturity
Seed 4 (v. 15)	Persevere / good crop

**What does it mean to “produce a great crop”?**

Live a fruitful Christian life

**What do you think this looks like? (Can you think of practical examples?)**

e.g. Prayerful, fights sin, witness to friends / family, stays a believer

(See also Galatians 5:22–26 for more information on what it means to “produce fruit”!)

## Let's take a closer look at what happens to these seeds!

If you have time, look up these other verses from the Bible that shed some light on "being a seed".

**Seed 1 (v. 12):** 1 Peter 5:8-9; Revelation 12:12. (See also Luke 22:31.)

**Seed 2 (v. 13):** Romans 11:22; Colossians 1:21-23; Hebrews 3:12-19 (See also James 1:2-4.)

**Seed 3 (v. 14):** Matthew 6:24; 1 Timothy 6:9-10; 6:17.

**Seed 4 (v. 15):** John 15:1-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.

### *getting active*

#### **Helping each other**

**Why do you think Jesus cries out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear"?**

Only some will hear this message.

**What does Jesus want us to do with the word of God?**

Put it in our hearts. Live out what it tells us to do. Not let it get taken away by Satan or be choked by this world. Not to wither due to lack of watering..

**How can we help each other to "produce a crop" with it?**

Encourage each other.

**Is there anything we need to do to change in light of this Bible study?**

#### **pray**

Pray that we will hear the word of God, accept it and produce fruit.

Pray that we will help each other to produce a great crop.

Pray for our friends, that they will hear about Jesus and turn to him.

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES: DO GOOD— EVEN TO THOSE YOU DON'T LIKE! THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN, LUKE 10:25-37

He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6: 8

Dear Leader,

This study is designed to show your group that:

1. Jesus wants his followers to radically love their neighbors.
2. We must love even those we do not like, despite the cost.

This study is fairly long. You may need to drop out the Titus section towards the end.

**Please note:** There are two ways to interpret this story. One way is to see it as Jesus telling us that “we can never do enough good to justify ourselves before God.” We therefore need the justification and righteousness that only Jesus can bring. The other is to see that Jesus is telling the lawyer that loving our neighbor requires extreme commitment. To follow God’s way means loving those people that you may see to be unlovable. The latter interpretation is the most common and one that the commentators I read follow. I couldn’t see how to get around Jesus’ final words, “Go and do likewise.” This, to me, is a command to love our neighbors, whatever the cost. Not all take this view, however. It is up to you to read this story thoughtfully and prayerfully and choose the interpretation you believe to be correct.

## *Let's get started*

When was the last “good deed” you did? Can you remember it? If so, share it with the group.

Can you think of a time that you had to help out someone that you didn’t like? Tell the group about it!

## *going deeper*

This famous story. Read Luke 10:25–37.

Have you ever read or heard this story before?

What impacts you after hearing it?

### **Understanding this parable, Part I: The test! (v. 25–29)**

#### **Why do you think the man was trying to test Jesus?**

He wanted to show Jesus how clever he was.

#### **Why do you think he wanted to justify himself?**

He believed that he was truly 'good' in God's eyes. He felt he was living God's law.

#### **Do you think the man really wanted an answer to his questions about eternal life or was he just trying to prove how good he was? Why? (v. 25)**

Have you ever met people were more interested in proving they are right than in discovering the truth?

### **Understanding this parable, Part II: What it means to "love your neighbor as yourself" (v. 30–35)**

Write down what each of the main characters does:

#### **The priest (v. 31)**

Passed by on the other side.

#### **The Levite (v. 32)**

Did the same.

#### **The Samaritan (v. 33–35)**

Took pity. Bandaged his wounds. Poured oil and wine on wounds. Put him on his donkey & took him to the inn. Spent money on his recovery.

#### **What is so unusual (or even shocking) about what each man did?**

The Priest and the Levite should have cared, the Samaritan shouldn't have cared (they were enemies of the Jewish people).

### **FYI By the way... WHAT EXACTLY IS A SAMARITAN ANYWAY?**

A Samaritan was a member of the people inhabiting Samaria in the time of Jesus. They replaced the people of Israel who were taken into exile by Assyria in 722 B.C. (See 2 Kings 17).

Do you know what a "priest" is? Why did he do what he did in the story? How about a "Levite"— do you know who they were?

**Priests**= Hebrews 5:1–3

**Levites**= Numbers 3:5–8, 3:10–11, 18:21

**Samaritans**= John 4:9 & 4:22



## Helping each other

**How can we help each other to listen to this parable and do what it says?**

Be role models to each other, keep encouraging each other.

**What should we do if we just can't stand someone we know (i.e. at school)?**

Pray for help. Ask your Christian friends for support.

**What does this story tell us we must do?**

Keep loving those we find difficult (or even impossible) to love.

## pray

Pray that we will be like the Samaritan and that we will do good to all, even those we don't like.

Pray for any particular people that you are struggling with.

Pray for those in the group who are finding it difficult to do good to all.

## STAY TUNED...

Next week, we will look at the parable of the fig tree!

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES: JUDGMENT IS COMING! THE PARABLE OF THE FIG TREE, LUKE 13:6-9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9

Dear Leader,

This study is designed to show your group that:

1. Jesus wants us to repent (turn back from our sin).
2. Jesus wants us to live fruitful lives for him.

This study is fairly long. You may need to cut out the section on Gal. 5:22-26 at the end.

## Let's get started

If someone does something really bad to you how do you respond? (Place a ✓ in a box and share your answers.)

- It's payback time:
- I'll be patient and get my revenge later:
- Oh well, I can deal with it.
- I avoid them.
- I try my best to forgive them.
- I just forget about it.
- Something else \_\_\_\_\_

How do you feel when you are told "while God is patient, judgment is coming"? (Circle your answer.)

No problems, I'm ready  
I've never heard that

Bring it on—I can take it  
I understand and I'm ready

God wouldn't judge anyone  
Something else \_\_\_\_\_

## going deeper

This famous story. Read Luke 13:6-9.

Have you ever read or heard it before?

What do you think this story means?

Can you figure out what this story teaches us about God?

He is being patient with Israel.

**Going even deeper Read Luke 13: 1-5.**

(The two events that Jesus referred to here had recently happened and were fresh in his listeners' minds.)

**What was Jesus saying about the Galileans who died? (v. 1-2)**

They weren't worse sinners than anyone else – they didn't die because it was payback for sin.

**What was he saying about those people who died in the tower in Siloam? (v. 4)**

The same as above – they didn't die simply because they were more sinful than those around them.

**What is he saying to us? (v. 3 & 5)**

We must repent (turn back) from our sin.

**Can you figure out the connection between the story of the fig tree and what Jesus said in v. 1-5?**

**Who is the owner of the vineyard?**

God.

**Why didn't he cut the tree down?**

He is patiently waiting for repentance.

**What does this mean today?**

Turn to God today!

**The Lord is patient! Read 2 Peter 3: 8-13.**

**What does this tell us about our Lord? (v. 9)**

He is patient, yet he will keep His promise to judge the earth.

**What does this tell us about the end of the world? (v. 10)**

It will come quickly – be prepared.

**In view of God's patience, how should we now live? (v. 11-13)**

We must live in light of his coming judgement. We must be holy, and godly.

**Bearing the fruit that God loves! Galatians 5: 22-26**

**List the nine "fruits" that come from the Holy Spirit:**

Love	Joy	Peace	Patience	Kindness
Goodness	Faithfulness	Gentleness	Self-control	

**Why do you think these are important to God?**

These reflect His character. They also make for good relationships among His people.

**What can we do to produce these fruits?**

Pray, repent, discuss 'how to' with our small groups etc.

(For a contrast to living a life of fruit, read 5: 16-21)

## Helping each other

How can we help each other to listen to this parable and do what it says?

What practical things can we do to help each other produce fruit?

Encourage each other when we see something done that honours God. Support each other when we do the right thing. Be patient with each other.

Is there anything we need to change in light of our study today?

## pray

Pray that we will live in a way that honors Jesus.

Pray that we will bear fruit for him.

Thank God for his patience in waiting for more people to turn to him before he judges the earth.

## STAY TUNED...

Next week, we will look at the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin!

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES+ LEADER'S NOTES: GOD WELCOMES SINNERS! THE PARABLES OF THE LOST SHEEP AND THE LOST COIN, LUKE 15:1-10

In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.  
Luke 15:10

Dear Leader,

This study is designed to show your group that:

1. Jesus came to seek lost sinners.
2. When sinners repent and turn back to God, there is great rejoicing in heaven.
3. Turning back to Jesus will be seen in a marked difference in the way we live.

Again, this study has a lot of content. Be prepared.

*Let's get started*

When have you lost something really important? How did you feel? (Did you find it?)

How do you feel when you are told that God wants you to “repent”?

Not again

I don't understand what that means

I don't need to repent—I'm perfect!

Something else \_\_\_\_\_

*going deeper*

Read Luke 15: 1–10.

Have you ever heard these two stories before?

What is the 1st thing that impacts you when you hear these two parables?

### Understanding these stories, Part I

**What is the setting of these stories? In other words, why did Jesus tell the parables? (See v. 1-2.)**

He was spending time with tax collectors and sinners. The Pharisees (religious teachers) were criticising Jesus for this.

**What exactly were these people saying about Jesus?**

“This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.”

**Why did the complainers have such a problem with him?**

‘Good’ religious teachers didn’t eat with ‘sinners’.

### Understanding these stories, Part II

Look at these stories one at a time and answer the questions below.

	The lost coin	The lost sheep
What was the response of the person who lost it?	Searching	Searching
What happened when it was found?	Rejoicing	Rejoicing
What is the point Jesus makes at the end of the story?	Rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents.	Rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents.

### Understanding these stories, Part III

**What are the similarities between these two stories?**

Searching, rejoicing, tells friends.

**What is Jesus’ clear point in v. 7 & v. 10?**

God loves it when a sinner repents.

**How does this relate back to v. 1-2 (the people who were complaining about Jesus)?**

Jesus is searching for them (like searching for a lost coin and a lost sheep)

**What was he trying to tell them?**

God sent His son to search for the lost. When they are found there is great rejoicing.

**What does it mean to be lost?**

Live a life of sin and to live apart from God.

**What does it mean to be a found “sheep” or “coin”?**

To turn from sin to Jesus.

## **Jesus came to find you & me!**

The stories of the lost coin and lost sheep are about Jesus coming to save us. This is great news!

### **Read 1 Peter 2: 24–25**

#### **What does this tell us about why Jesus came to earth?**

To bear our sins on the cross.

#### **What was the result of his coming for us?**

He 'healed' us from our sins by taking our punishment. We were lost sheep, he has brought us back to God (the Great Shepherd).

#### **For your reflection: Do you see yourself as a sheep that has returned to the Shepherd (and been "found") or as a sheep that is still lost?**

[If you want to read more on this see Mark 10:45 & John 10:11–13.]

### **A case study in being "found": a tax collector named Zacchaeus (Luke 19: 1–10)**

#### **Read this story. Does anything impact you right away?**

#### **Do you know anything about tax collectors in that culture? How popular do you think Zacchaeus was?**

Very popular. They tended to cheat their own people by charging high taxes. They also payed the collected tax to the hated Roman Empire.

#### **Why do you think he was so keen to see Jesus?**

It could have been a number of reasons. He could have felt guilty. He could have heard about Jesus and simply wanted to see Him.

#### **Why do you think he responded the way he did when he met Jesus? (Why was he so generous?)**

He was convicted of his sin in the presence of Jesus.

#### **In the end, what did Jesus do for this "sinner"?**

Saved him and changed him completely.

### *getting active*

#### **Helping each other**

**How can we help each other to listen to these two parables and do what they say?**

**How can we help those around us who are still lost?**

We must bring them Jesus. Talk with them, show them the difference Jesus has made in your life.

#### **pray**

Pray that we will never take for granted what Jesus has done for us.

Thank God for sending his son to save us from being lost.

Pray for those we know who are still lost.

#### **STAY TUNED...**

Next week, we will look at the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus!

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES: MAKE SURE YOU LISTEN! THE PARABLE OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS, LUKE 16:19-31

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. James 1:22

Dear Leader,

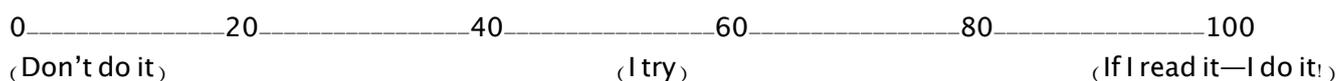
This study is designed to show your group that:

1. Jesus wants us to read the Bible, believe it, and live it out in the way we relate to God and those around us.
2. People can be very hard hearted. They can resist believing in God no matter how clearly he speaks.

As usual, this study has a fair bit of content. You may not get through the exercise at the end.

*let's get started*

How do you rate when it comes to putting into practice what you read in the Bible?



The Bible tells us that God will judge the world. Does this impact the way you live? Write down your answer(s) in the appropriate box below.

Yes! The fact that God is going to judge the world means that I ...

No, I could care less! Why it doesn't impact my behavior is because...

*going deeper*

Read Luke 16: 19-31.

Have you ever read or heard this story before?

What impacts you when you hear this story?

## Understanding this story, Part I

Go back and read Luke 16: 14-15.

What does this tell us about...

- Who Jesus was telling the story to?

Pharisees (religious leaders/teachers) who felt superior to Jesus.

- Why did he tell them this story?

They were not truly paying attention to the Word of God. They felt they were in a good standing with God when in reality they were far, far away from God.

- What is the main point?

Listen to the bible and put it into practice. Live a life that truly reflects a trust and faith in God – this must be seen in the way we live and treat others.

## Understanding this story, Part II

List everything that v. 19-23 tell us about these two men

### THE RICH MAN

He was wealthy. Lived a very rich lifestyle (had more than enough). Didn't care about the poor man on his doorstep.

### LAZARUS

He was very poor. Not in great health. He was hungry. He was desperate.

Why do you think the rich man went to hell and Lazarus went to heaven? (Was it because one was rich and one was poor?)

The rich man went to hell because he was out of relationship with God. This is evident in the fact that he didn't believe the Old Testament and didn't live a life of loving his neighbour as himself.

Lazarus went to heaven because he trusted in God.

## Understanding this story, Part III v. 24-31

Look at the conversation between the rich man and Abraham

What does the rich man ask for?	Abraham's response
v. 24 Quench his thirst	v. 25-26 You are now being punished. There is also an uncrossable chasm between heaven and hell.
v. 27-28 Send Lazarus to warn my brothers	v. 29 They have the Old Testament – they need to read it and put it into practice.
v. 30 Please send someone from the dead – they'll listen then.	v. 31 If they don't listen to the Old Testament then they won't listen even if someone rises from the dead (this points us to the fact that they won't even listen to Jesus when he rises from the dead.

**What does the parable say to those of us who have heard the message of Abraham and the prophets (the Old Testament) and the risen Jesus (the New Testament)?**

We must listen – it is very important.

**What does this story tell us about the importance of the Bible in our lives?**

It is there to show us how to relate with God and our neighbour. We must listen to the word of God, believe it and put it into practice in our lives.

(If you have time, read Acts 2:22–24 & 2:36–39 and Hebrews 2:1–4.)

**Don't just listen to the Bible; do what it says! (Putting your faith into action)**

The Bible tells us clearly that we must put into practice what it says. In other words, we must not be like the rich man in the parable who did not live in a way that honored God. Read one or more of these passages and answer the questions below.

Luke 8:19–21

James 1:22–25

1 John 5:1–5

**What are we told about believing in God?**

**How is our belief in God to influence the way we live?**

**How does this teaching relate to the parable of the rich man and Lazarus?**

### *getting active*

**Helping each other**

**What things do we need to do to avoid being like the rich man?**

Read the bible, listen to what God is telling us and put it into practice.

**How can we make sure that our words are backed up by actions?**

As James says, “Don not merely listen to the word, do what it says.”

**How can we help each other to listen to this parable and do what it says?**

We must be a group who listens to God and reflects what we read in our actions.

**pray**

Pray that you will not be like the rich man who acted in a way that showed he didn't know God.

Pray that we will listen to Jesus and our faith will be seen in our actions.

Thank God for his word and the fact that we can study it in this group each week.

**STAY TUNED...**

Next week, we will look at the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector!

# LUKE: JESUS' PARABLES + LEADER'S NOTES: HUMBLE YOURSELF! THE PARABLE OF THE PHARISEE AND THE TAX COLLECTOR, LUKE 18:9-14

For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. Luke 18:14

Dear Leader,

This study is designed to show your group that:

1. Jesus wants us to see that we must approach God with humility and not see ourselves as better than other 'sinners.'
2. It is because of God's mercy that we can come to him as his children.

Please note that there is a mistake in this study (oops!). Under Read Ephesians 2:4-10, one of the questions should read, "In light of Ephesians 2:4-10, what did the Pharisee do that was wrong?" (Not "...what did the tax collector do that was wrong?"

*let's get started*

Have you ever met people who were really arrogant or conceited? How did you feel when you met them? Did you want to be like them?

How would you rate yourself on the humility scale?

0 \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 40 \_\_\_\_\_ 60 \_\_\_\_\_ 80 \_\_\_\_\_ 100  
I'm an arrogant jerk!                      Sometimes humble sometimes proud                      I'm as humble as can be!

*going deeper*

**Two men and their two different prayers: Read Luke 18:9-14.**

Have you ever heard this story before?

How do you feel about the tax collector? How do you feel about the Pharisee?

Write down a brief summary of what the two men prayed.

**The Pharisee (v. 11-12):** Thank you that I am not like other people who are sinners (or like this tax collector). Thank you that I fast and tithe.

**The tax collector (v. 13):** Have mercy on me—a sinner.

**Why did the Pharisee think he was so good?**

He was a religious leader who saw himself as better than others. He also did things that he felt made him good in God's eyes.

**Why did the tax collector think he was so bad?**

He knew he was a sinner. Tax collectors tended to cheat people and collect more tax than was necessary.

**What was Jesus' response to the different prayers? Why? (v. 14)**

God wants humility and the realisation that we are sinners who need to be forgiven.

**Who was Jesus telling this story to? (v. 9)**

Those who were confident of their own righteousness (innocence before God).

**Why do you think he told them this story?**

To show them they need to come to God humbly, like the tax collector.

**How must our prayers and attitudes reflect the humility of the tax collector?**

We must not boast before God or think that our 'good deeds' can make us innocent before God.

**Why we must be humble towards God: He saved us!**

*[In Luke 18:9 Luke tells us that some were "trusting in their own righteousness and looking down on everybody else." The Bible tells us that when it comes to salvation, we must be humble because God saves us—we don't save ourselves.]*

**Read Ephesians 2:4-10.**

**What does this tell us about God's role in our salvation?**

He has done it all.

**According to this passage do we have any reason to be proud or to boast in our salvation?**

We have no reason to boast. It was because of God's mercy that we are saved.

**Relate this passage back to the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. In light of Ephesians 2:4-10, what did the Pharisee do that was wrong?**

He believed he was justified by his actions, not by God's mercy.

**What should our attitude be towards God?**

Praise Him for His mercy.

[For another look at this read Titus 3:3-8.]

## **A case study: Paul the “worst of sinners”**

Read 1 Timothy 1: 15–17.

### **What did Paul say about himself?**

Earlier in his life he had persecuted Christians. He also knew how gracious God had been to him by sending Jesus to die for him.

**Why do you think he said this?** (If you need help look up Acts 8: 1–3 & Philippians 3: 4–6.)

**What does Paul tell us about Jesus in this passage?** (See v. 16–17.)

That Jesus is patient with us and worthy of all glory.

**What would you say to someone who felt that their sins were too great and that God couldn't forgive them?**

If Jesus can forgive the apostle Paul, He can forgive anyone.

### *getting active*

## **Helping each other**

**How can we help each other to listen to this parable and do what it says?**

We must encourage each other to see that God is a God who is merciful and saves – not our good works. We must never take pride in our standing before God – God delights in a humility when we approach Him in prayer.

**Is there anything you need to change in light of this study?**

**What can we do to be humble before the Lord?**

Realise that we are sinners. It is because of His mercy that we can pray to Him.

**What should we do if someone in this group starts to become arrogant or conceited?**

Remind them of what the bible teaches. Gently rebuke and warn them.

## **pray**

Pray that we will always be more like the tax collector and less like the Pharisee.

Pray that we will strive for humility before the Lord.

Thank God that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

Pray for those you know who struggle with this issue (you may want to do this silently and not name them).

## **STAY TUNED...**

Next week, we will have another great Bible study!