QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL STUDY

1. Tell your story. Describe a time in your life when you humbled

 yourself in a situation and God exalted you.

2. What things do people do in an attempt to make themselves

 “righteous” before God? What does Isaiah 64:6 say about this?

3. Read the following passages and note the Bible says about

 hindrances to answered prayer:

a) Psalm 66:18

b) Proverbs 28:9

c) Isaiah 59:2

d) James 1:6-7

e) James 4:3

f) I Peter 3:7

g) I Peter 3:12

4. What did Jesus mean when He said that whoever does not receive

 the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all?

5. What practical application are you going to make from this week’s

 message? (*Share your decision with another person*.)

* I am going to examine my life (with the help of another believer) to see if there are areas in my life where I am trying to “earn” God’s favor or draw attention to my spirituality.
* I am going to share my faith with a small child and invite his/her family to church.
* I am going to memorize I Peter 3:12.

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Luke 18:9-17 Study Series #076

***The Parable of the Pharisee***

***and Tax Collector***

**I. Introduction**

**II. The Parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector**

 A. The Purpose of the Parable

 (See Luke 18:9; Luke 18:1; II Corinthians 10:12)

 B. The People of the Parable

 (See Luke 18:10; Isaiah 56:7; Matthew 6:5; Matthew 23:14)

 C. The Prayer of the Pharisee

(See Luke 18:11-12; Isaiah 64:6; Leviticus 16:29;

 Leviticus 23:32; Numbers 18:21; Deuteronomy 14:22;

 Matthew 23:23)

 D. The Prayer of the Tax Collector

 (See Luke 18:13; I Corinthians 15:9; Ephesians 3:8;

 I Timothy 1:15; Hebrews 4:16)

 E. The Principle of the Parable

 (See Luke 18:14; Matthew 15:14; Luke 14:11; Isaiah 14:13-19;

 Philippians 2:8-9; Psalm 75:6-7)

 F. Those Permitted in the Kingdom

 (See Luke 18:15-17; Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16;

 I Samuel 1:28; Mark 6:32-44; Matthew 15:21-28;

 I Corinthians 13:11)

**III. Conclusion**

**IV. Communion**

Communion at Cornerstone Church is open for all who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. You do not have to be a member of Cornerstone or a member of a Southern Baptist Church to observe Communion with us. If you are a believer in Jesus Christ, you are welcome to take Communion. If you are not a believer in Jesus Christ, Scripture commands that you refrain taking Communion. (I Corinthians 11:26-31)

If you would like to know more about what it means to be a Christian, or if you would like to talk with someone or have someone pray for you, please see the pastor after the service and he or one of our church leaders will be glad to speak with you.

**Passage of Study**

**Luke 18:9-17**

**9**And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and viewed 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 stood and was praying this to himself: ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. **12**I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.’ **13**But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, the sinner!’

**14**I tell you, this man went to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**15**And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. **16**But Jesus called for them, saying, “Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. **17**Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*.”

*“We should never utter one syllable of prayer, either in public or in private, until we are definitely conscious that we have come into the presence of God, and we are really speaking to Him.”*

 Pastor R.A. Torrey (1856-1928)

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