Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything

Session 2: HEART—Three Ways to Live

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Review:

Bible Study:

Read aloud Luke 18:9-14 and then work through the questions below.

1. **Look at what the Pharisee says about himself in verses 11-12. Is this Pharisee a hypocrite? Discuss.**

2. **What does the Pharisee understand righteousness to be and how to achieve it?**

3. **The tax collector does not actually say what you see in the NIV translation of verse 13, "God have mercy on me, a sinner." He uses the definite article in the Greek. He says, "God have mercy on me, the sinner." What does the tax collector teach us about the nature of repentance?**

4. **Pastor and author John Stott writes,**
   "'Justification' is a legal term, borrowed from the law courts. It is the exact opposite of 'condemnation'. 'To condemn' is to declare somebody guilty; 'to justify' is to declare him…righteous. In the Bible it refers to God's act of unmerited favor by which He puts a sinner right with Himself, not only pardoning or acquitting him, but accepting him and treating him as righteous."

Jesus says the tax collector went home "justified" before God. Why? What does this passage teach us about justification?

Read aloud Luke 15:11-32 and then watch Session 2



DVD Notes:

Discussion Questions:

1. **Was there anything from the video that was new to you? Did you hear anything that raised more questions in your mind?**

2. **Which of the two brothers is easiest for you to identify with, and why?**

3. **What emotions and attitudes does the elder brother display, and what does this show about his relationship with God?**

4. **What do you think it means "to repent of not only our bad things, but also for the reason we did our good things"?**

5. **If we're justified by grace alone, not by our good works or our moral efforts or anything we can do, what motivates us to live an obedient, repentant life?**

6. **If Jesus is our true elder brother, how does it change the way we live on a daily basis?**

