



Homework: Confession and Absolution

Complete this sheet and bring it with you to class on November 15.

Read Luke 18, then answer the following questions about verses 9-14.

How would you describe someone that is “holier than thou”?

Here, Jesus notices some Pharisees that we might call “holier than thou.” They thought they were better than everyone else and weren’t afraid to show it. Have you ever been “looked down on” by someone else? How does that feel?

What are some differences between the Pharisee’s and Tax Collector’s prayers?

The Pharisee obviously thought his own sins (if he even thought he had any!) weren’t nearly as bad as the tax collector’s. What sins do people today consider “worse sins” than your “typical” ones?

How does God view these sins? Check out James 2:10-11.

What does this say about how we confess?

Is it necessary to confess every sin we’ve committed? Why or why not?

For in Scripture it says: "See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame." (1 Peter 2:6)