



"WEEK #3 – The Bluntness of Jesus"

Preached: March 3, 2024
Preacher: Keenan Barber
Series: "Come and See" – Lent 2024
Scripture: Luke 18:9-14

SECTION 1 – GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Keenan started his sermon on Sunday talking about "two kinds of people." Based on that, identify where you are in these highly controversial debates:
 - a. Pineapple on Pizza OR "What – are you crazy?"
 - b. Toilet paper up OR Toilet paper down?
 - c. Get up when the alarm sounds OR Snooze button is your friend
 - d. Star Wars OR Star Trek?
 - e. Is there another "controversial" topic you find yourself on one side of?
2. Who is the original intended audience of this parable? What is Jesus trying to communicate to this audience?
3. Based on the learning from this passage, what is the best way to approach prayer with God?
4. What would your prayer life look like if you began every prayer with the same words that came from the mouth of the tax collector? "God have mercy on me a Sinner."

5. What does it look like to approach prayer from a position of humility? What does it look like to approach life from a position of humility?
6. What do you think this passage of scripture can teach us about how to approach the communion table?
7. I don't think the point of this passage from Luke is to identify a particular group of people that are doing it wrong. If the pharisee began his work as a religious leader in the right place, what do you think led him down the path to becoming self-righteous? How do you think we can avoid that kind of "missing the mark" in our own faith filled lives?

SECTION 2 – PRAYER

Pray together in humility.