

ELL Lesson 78: Two Men Pray

Read Luke 18:9-14

Comprehension Questions

1. Who is telling this story?
2. Who were the two men who went to the temple to pray?
3. What did the Pharisee say in his prayer?
4. Why did the Pharisee think he was better than others?
5. What did the tax collector do when he prayed?
6. What did the tax collector ask God for?
7. Who did Jesus say went home right with God?
8. What does this story teach about people who are proud?
9. What does this story teach about people who are humble?

Theological Insights

1. God loves people who are honest about their sins.
2. We all need God's mercy because no one is perfect.
3. Being proud makes it hard for us to see our need for God.
4. Jesus teaches that being humble is better than trying to look important.
5. God forgives those who ask for help and trust him.

Application Questions

1. Have you ever acted like the Pharisee in this story? How did it feel?
2. Have you ever felt like the tax collector, sorry for something you did? What did you do?
3. Why do you think God loves it when people are humble?
4. How can you pray with a humble heart this week?