

## Look

Most of the time being merciful doesn't seem to come all that naturally to humans. We are more often interested in fairness and justice.

1. How are justice and fairness different from mercy? Is it wrong to be more concerned with the first two and not mercy? Why or why not?
2. What does it mean to you to be merciful? Is mercy that comes easy for you? Why or why not?
3. Describe a time you showed mercy (not fairness or justice). Describe a time you received mercy.

## Book

### *Luke 18:9-14*

Two men pray at the temple. One walks away full of himself while the other walks away full of mercy.

1. Compare and contrast the Pharisee and the tax collector. Why would the Pharisee be more confident in his prayer than the tax collector?
2. Compare and contrast the way each man prayed.
3. What implications would this story have had for those in Jesus' day? What implications does it have for us today?

## Took

God's property is to always have mercy and if mercy is essential to the character of God, and we are made in the image of God, then mercy is also an essential part of our character.

1. How often do you consider your character in light of being made in the image of God? Describe.
2. Describe a time when you felt your life touched by God's mercy.
3. How can we live our lives in such a way that we invite and allow God to create in us the same kind of desire to give mercy?