

**Prayer of Confession**  
**Luke 18:9-14, Isaiah 64:6**  
**November 4, 2018**

**WARM-UP QUESTIONS:**

1. What does our secular culture think about the act of confession? What about the Christian culture?
2. Do you think confession is easier or harder the older one gets?
3. How do you feel when someone you know is deadly honest about themselves in a conversation with you?

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:**

1. Read the passage in Luke. When you enter the presence of God, do you usually think of yourself as a saint or a sinner? How does this reflect one's view of God? How might this be evident in how we pray and engage in other spiritual practices?
2. In Jesus' comments on this Temple scene, why was the Pharisee's prayer rejected? Why was the tax collector's accepted? What is the lesson to be learned?
3. How does God reach out to Pharisee-like people?
4. Is viewing ourselves only as sinners a healthy, holistic practice? Is there a distinction between being honest about our brokenness and despair?

**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

1. What does confession reveal about God and about us?
2. Describe an experience when you were compelled to reflect on an difficult truth about yourself. How did the experience change you?
3. Pastor Nate says: "Confession isn't always about admitting we did something wrong. It can be a prayer of honesty about our fears or inadequacies." Take some time to share a confession with someone you trust and pray for each other.