

Hope for the non-religious

Luke 18:9-17

1 Eat

Read the passage slowly, read it again, then retell it in your own words. If you can't retell it, read it once more.

☐ Read ☐ Reread ☐ Retell

2 Digest

Answer from what the passage actually says — stay in the text.

1. What does this passage show me about God?

Which of the two men goes home right with God, and how does Jesus receive the little children?

2. What does it show me about people — and about myself?

Have you ever felt that God is only for religious people — and how does this story answer that?

3. What will I obey this week? (a concrete step, with a day)

How will you come to God this week with one simple, honest prayer instead of trying to earn your way in?

4. Who will I tell?

Who thinks they are too far from religion for God, that you could tell this story to?

3 Grow

Growth is God's part, not yours. Do the cycle faithfully and trust Him to give the growth (1 Corinthians 3:6–7).

Pray

God, I have no religious résumé to offer you — only the tax collector's prayer: be merciful to me, a sinner. Receive me the way you receive a child.



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