

## The Family Tree | Week 4

### Introduction

The generations before us leave a lasting impact, for better or worse. By God's grace, we have the power to break cycles of generational sin and set a new course for our lives and our family's lives. What might it look like in your life to break away from destructive family patterns?

### Conversation Starters (10 minutes)

- How did you celebrate the Labor Day Holiday?
- Did you have any opportunities to extend grace to someone this past week?

### Sermon Notes Review (15 minutes)

What challenged you, impacted you, or caught your attention from this weekend's sermon?

### [Watch the Video](#) (10 minutes)

- Prepare to watch the video by opening your Bible to [Luke 18:9-14](#)

### Group Discussion (45 minutes)

1. When have you been confident in your own righteousness?
2. What observations do you see in the parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector ([Luke 18:9-14](#))?
3. How does the parable relate to [Ephesians 2:8-9](#)?
4. This past weekend, Robert talked about the renewing of our minds ([Romans 12:2](#)).
  - a. In what areas of your life have you experienced transformation through the renewing of your mind?
  - b. Were there other people in your life who helped you on this journey?
  - c. In what areas of your life do you want to see this kind of transformation?
5. Throughout this series, we have discussed the unfair, unsettling system of grace through Jesus. When you reflect back on the last five weeks, what is the one thing you most want to remember and apply in your life?

### Prayer (5 minutes)

Pray for the one thing from this series each person wants to remember and apply to their lives. You can use these words or your own words:

*God, thank you for our time together. Thank you for the opportunity to share honestly with one another and to encourage each other. Help us to remember what we have been taught and discussed. Help us to {whatever you want to do/apply}. Thank you for your grace, Jesus. Amen.*

### Announcements (5 minutes)

- One of the best responses to Jesus' radical grace in our lives is to serve others. We hope that serving others will become a regular part of your rhythm as your group continues to meet.
- Find suggestions for places to serve [HERE](#). Also, check out our We Care food donation page at [wecare.sv.cc](http://wecare.sv.cc).
- Have you said YES to following Jesus? If you or someone in your group has said YES to Jesus, but has never made the personal decision to get baptized, then baptism is your next step. Baptisms are happening at all of our campuses on the weekend of September 14 & 15. Sign up at [baptism.sv.cc](http://baptism.sv.cc).
- If you want to learn more about the Bible in a college-course-like setting, you may be interested in Sun Valley University. Our next course begins October 1. Find more information and register [HERE](#).