

The tax collectors loved Jesus's comments about John, but the pharisees did not. What does Luke point to as the major difference between the groups? Why is repentance essential to biblical faith? In what specific ways or areas are you prone to self-righteousness and how does this impact your faith?

Jesus calls those who reject Him and His Kingdom bratty kids. Why is this such a fitting comparison? In what ways today do some Christians or churches try to make Jesus into who they want Him to be? How would Jesus respond to them? How have you tried to make Jesus serve you rather than you serving Him? How can you repent of this?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Of the 3 enemies of faith in this passage – Doubt, Self-Righteousness and Pride – which do you struggle with the most and what does that reveal about your heart? Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you in this area.



THE DEFENSE OF JESUS

September 29, 2024

Luke 7:18-35

JESUS IS MY DEFENSE AGAINST THE _____ OF FAITH.

- I. _____ shifts faith from God's revelation to my _____.
– v. 18-23

My faith in Jesus stands on His _____, not mine.

- II. _____-righteousness shifts faith from the worthiness of God to the _____ of me. – v. 24-30

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 7:18-35. There are different theories about why John asked Jesus this question. Why do you think he asked it? How do you understand the relationship between proof and faith?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

John’s question seems surprising given his previous confidence in Jesus, but it really shouldn’t be. As humans, we all know how easily doubt can creep in. When have you experienced doubt in your relationship with Jesus? How did your own expectations play into your doubt? How did your expectations line up with God’s Word?

My faith in Jesus stands on his greatness and my _____.

III. _____ shifts faith from who God is to who I _____ Him to be.
– v. 31-35

My faith in Jesus stands on me _____ Him, not Him serving me.

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