

# BLIND SPOTS



## NEXTLEVEL

### 10.14.18 - SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

We often plan for the future, thinking about where we will be or what we will be doing.

We think we know how things will work out, until... We get blindsided. Whether it happens in traffic, or in our future planning, we all have blind spots. This is no less true in our faith. We are hit with unexpected temptations, attitudes, and circumstances. In this series, Blind Spots, we will look at some obstacles that creep up on us, and how we are to live out the gospel as the body of Christ in the midst of these challenges.

## DISCUSS

- Have you ever gotten a little arrogant and thought highly of yourself, only to be humbled? What happened?
- What thoughts come to your mind when you hear the term “self-righteous?” Why do you make this connection?

## STUDY

- If you got to hear Chad’s message, what stuck out to you the most and why?
- Read Luke 18:9-14.** What attitudes and actions are different between these two characters? Why do you think Jesus uses a Pharisee and a tax collector as the main characters of the parable? Talk a little bit about how this parable affects our understanding of righteousness.
- In what ways do we try to offer our personal morality to God? Put the following two statements in order below: “I do good,” and “I am accepted by God.” \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_. Talk about the differences between the how we order these statements.
- Read the following verses: Isaiah 64:6; Psalm 14:3; Mark 10:18.** What does the bible say about our righteousness?
- In his sermon, Chad talked about how self-righteousness warps our understanding. How does self-righteousness warp our view of ourselves? Of others? Of God? How is self-righteousness in opposition to the central message of the gospel?
- Why do you think we as humans are tempted to slip into attitudes of self- righteous? In what ways do we guard against this harmful attitude?

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## WHAT'S NEXT?

-Are there any attitudes you need to change? If so what? Are there any attitudes toward self, others, or God that need to be changed?

-**Read Romans 3:23-24.** How does God's grace change our understanding of righteousness? How does God's grace to you, personally, affect the way you should treat others in your circles?

## PRAYER

-Close your time as a group in prayer. Ask that through this series, God would make known to you your blind spots and help you to move forward in grace and freedom.

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