

The Pharisee And The Tax Collector

Gap Activity

Jesus told this story to people who were confident of their own goodness and who looked _____ on everyone else.

One day Mr Pharisee and Mr Tax Collector went into God's temple to pray.

Mr Pharisee _____ and said to God, "God, I thank you that I'm not like other men. I'm not a _____ or a murderer or even like that Tax Collector over there. I go without _____ twice a week, and I give you \$10 out of every hundred dollars I earn."

Mr Pharisee was very pleased with himself. He was a very _____ man. He was sure God was pleased with him too.

BUT Mr Tax Collector was not pleased with himself. He knew he was _____. He had hurt people and had _____ money from people. Mr Tax Collector hung his head. He could not even look up to heaven. He _____ his chest and cried out to God, "God, please _____ me. I am very, very bad. I am a sinner. Please, please forgive me!"

Mr Tax Collector knew he was bad and he knew God would not be _____ with him.

When Jesus finished his story Jesus said the most amazing thing. Jesus said that Mr Tax Collector, and not Mr Pharisee, went home friends with God.

Missing Words:

hit, robber, bad, pleased, food, stood up, good, stolen, down, forgive

Definition: *Mercy is being _____ to someone who doesn't _____ it.*

Missing words: deserve, kind