

ACCIDENTAL PHARISEE  
COMMUNITY EQUIPPING  
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3 ELEMENTS:

1. EXCLUSIVITY
2. LEGALISM
3. PRIDE

1. EXCLUSIVITY/UNIFORMITY

A. God Often Uses the Most Unlikely People

I Samuel 16:7

Exodus 4:10-12

Judges 3:15

Judges 6:14-15

Judges 11:1-3

B. We See The World Differently -- We Need Each Other

I Corinthians 12:14-26

C. Be Patient With People-Give Them Time to be Transformed

Discussion Questions:

1. How have you devalued people that are 'different' than you?
2. Who in your community group do you need to move towards and better understand, learn from and appreciate?

3. How would you rate the diversity (gift/wiring diversity) of your community group?

## 2. LEGALISM

### A. Be Careful –Don't Adopt FORMULAS

Ecclesiastes 7:16-18

Luke 9:46-50

### B. Be Careful- Don't Impose Your Limitations on Me

Romans 14:5-12

### C. Be Careful- Don't Argue Needlessly

2 Timothy 2:14-15

Titus 3:9-11

## Discussion Questions:

1. Do you find yourself drawing lines or having a 'litmus test' for what you think others should do? What are these lines & litmus tests?
2. What examples can you give where you have added to scripture or made your personal takeaways apply to everyone else?
3. Which sins do you tend to think of as 'less deserving' of mercy than others?

## 3. PRIDE/SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Matthew 23

Luke 18:9-14

Discussion Questions:

1. What dangers come from comparing ourselves with others?
2. It's hard to avoid making comparisons. They happen subconsciously.
  - Where are you most prone to compare yourself with others?
  - When you find yourself comparing, do you see areas you don't match up or conversely think you are better?
3. What types of people end up on your "I am glad I am not like them" list?