

FOLLOW JESUS

Luke 19:1-10

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INTRO:

1. A **distracted** life
2. A **directed** life

A. THE LIFE OF ZACCHAEUS

1. He was a man of **position** (v. 2a)
2. He was a man of **prestige** (v. 2b)
3. He was a man of **possessions** (v. 2c)

B. THE LONGING OF ZACCHEUS

1. He was **shunned** by people (v. 7)
2. He was **seeking** more to life (v. 3)
3. He was willing to risk his **self-image** (v. 4)

C. THE LOVE OF JESUS

1. Jesus **sought** him (v. 1,5)
2. Jesus **stayed** in his house (v. 6)
3. Jesus declared **salvation** has come in his household (v. 8-10)

CONCLUSION:

1. **Tack** yourself to the wind (1 Timothy 1:18-19)
2. **Turn** away from anything that will shipwreck your faith
(1 Timothy 1:19-20)

TableTalk Questions

Bible Engagement Project

Read: Luke 19:1-4

Q: Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus?

Q: What do you imagine that Zacchaeus's community life, friendships, and family relationships might have been like?

Q: Why is it so distasteful to us to see those of influence use it only for themselves rather than for others?

Read: Luke 10:5-7

Q: Who looked at you (when others might have thought you weren't worth it) and believed in what you could become?

Q: Why do you think the people were displeased by Jesus' decision?

Q: Based on what you know about Zacchaeus's story, what do you think his character and heart were like before he met Jesus?

Read: Luke 19:8-10

Q: When do you imagine that Zacchaeus actually had a change of heart?

Q: At what point in the encounter do we see a change in Zacchaeus?

Q: Have you ever witnessed a life change in someone that was so complete it was shocking? Tell us about it.

Q: Can you think of someone you know who often does more than is expected or required? What do you think motivates them?

Did You Know?

Jewish tax collectors served the Roman government by collecting taxes from their fellow Jews. Typically, they earned these positions by bidding and paying to be the collector for an area. Their bidding money was recouped through their standard collections. Then they made their living by adding commission on the taxes they collected. Choosing to serve the oppressive Roman government already made them unliked. But the fact that many used the authority of Rome's backing to collect excessive amounts and become wealthy elevated them to hated status in Judea. This is why Jewish leaders often spoke negatively of tax collectors as a whole and automatically considered them to be sinners.