

Life Group Discussion Guide Conversations with Jesus Jesus with Zacchaeus – Luke 19:1-10

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<u>Main thought:</u> Jesus seeks the lost and unlovable and if we miss this we're missing the heart of God.

Outline

- REFUSE to let OBSTACLES keep you from seeking Jesus. (vv. 1-4)
- RECOGNIZE that Jesus is SEEKING you. (vv. 5-6)
- RECONSIDER your view of UNLOVABLE people. (v. 7)
- REALIZE that proof of heart change is LIFE CHANGE. (v. 8)
- REJOICE and realign your life with Christ's MISSION. (vv. 9-10)

Welcome and Fellowship Time (suggested time 10 min)

• Share about a favorite pet you've had and why.

Open in Prayer

Week in Review (suggested sharing time 5-10 min)

• How did you see God's sovereign will at work in your life this last week?

Discussion Starter (suggested sharing time 5 min)

What is something you're thankful for this week?

Sermon Review (suggested time 20 min)

Review Luke 19:1-10 and discuss the following questions.

- What stood out to you from this passage/message?
- In this passage we see that Zacchaeus didn't let obstacles or embarrassment keep him from seeking Jesus. What are some of the obstacles that have kept you from seeking Jesus?
- In this passage we meet Zacchaeus who is an outsider in need of God's unconditional love and grace, and we see the crowd who are insiders that struggle with God's unconditional love and grace. How do you relate to the people in this passage?



Digging Deeper (suggested time 15 min)

Read Jonah 4 and discuss the following questions.

- What does Jonah 4 teach us about God's heart?
- What does Jonah 4 teach us about our hearts?
- Why do we struggle capturing the heart of God?

Application (suggested time 10 minutes)

- Jesus loved and accepted Zacchaeus right where he was. Have you received Jesus' love and acceptance of you, right where you are at? Will you give your life to Him?
- Do you know anyone who does a great job at loving other people like Jesus—regardless of who they are and what they've done? How does this challenge you and the way that you treat people you find hard to love?
- What are some specific things you can do to realign your life with Christ's mission at church, work, school, home?
- Who has God put in your life the He is calling you to pray for and reach out to for the sake of the gospel this week?

Group Prayer Requests: (Suggested Time 10 minutes)

<u>Spend time praying for each other & praying for application of the study in the lives of the group members.</u> (Suggested time 10 minutes)