

Message Discussion Questions

Lost & Found: Luke 19:1-10

Fight for the right desire!

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd.

- 1) For many, the desire for God comes and goes... is sometimes strong and is sometimes weak. When has your desire for God been the strongest? The weakest?
- 2) What are you doing (or can you do) these days to cultivate a growing desire for God?

Overcome the obstacles.

4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

- 3) What are some of the obstacles that get in the way of your seeing and knowing Jesus these days?
- 4) What obstacle would you like to overcome this week? What can we hold you accountable to doing in response in order to make this happen?

Usher Jesus into your life.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

- 5) What did it mean for Zacchaeus to welcome Jesus gladly?
- 6) What does it mean for you to welcome Jesus gladly these days?

Nab the opportunity to live right.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

- 7) What did Zacchaeus do to start living right? Do you think this was hard or easy for him? Explain.
- 8) Why do you think Zacchaeus did this?
- 9) Looking back on your life, is there anything that stands out to you that you've done to "live right" that was hard, but worth it? Explain.

Don't forget who you are.

9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

- 10) We learn about Zacchaeus in these last two verses that he is save-able and loved, that he belongs to Jesus, that he was lost, and that he is now found. Which of these do you connect with most these days? Explain.

Closing Questions:

- What stood out to you the most from this message and/or discussion?
- What would you say is the key application for you this week?