

Discussion Guide

Luke 19:1-10 — "Found"

1. Who is Zacchaeus and how is he perceived? In verses 1-4, what has this crowd already decided about Zacchaeus before Jesus ever speaks a word to him?
2. Look closely at verse 4. Zacchaeus doesn't just find a way to see Jesus, he finds a way to see him from cover, hidden in the branches. What does his need to stay concealed while still wanting a glimpse of Jesus tell you about what's actually going on in him? Where in your life do you do what Zacchaeus did, position yourself close enough to see but hidden enough not to be fully known?
3. Verse 5. Jesus tells Zacchaeus he "must" stay at his house. What does it tell you about this visit?
4. Verse 7. The crowd's complaint isn't that Jesus ate with someone who does sinful things. It's that he's gone to be "the guest of a sinner." What's the difference?
5. Compare Zacchaeus to the rich young ruler in 18:18-23. Both are wealthy men who meet Jesus. What accounts for the different outcome?
6. Verse 9. Jesus says salvation "has come" to this house, before Zacchaeus has finished making good on anything. What does that tell you about the order between being welcomed and being changed? What is the significance for us of this order?
7. Is there a label, one someone else gave you or one you've built for yourself, that has quietly become how you see yourself?
8. Who's someone you'd have a hard time sitting down to eat with, not because they're different from you, but because they've let you down or hurt someone you love? How is this passage calling you to move towards them?
9. Where in your own relationships do you require proof of change before you'll offer belonging? What would it look like to reverse that order, even in one relationship?
10. Zacchaeus's rescue didn't stay private, it showed up at his table and in his wallet by the end of the day. Who's someone you could let in on what this story stirred in you this week?