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*“Long before Zacchaeus couldn’t see Jesus,  
the tree was already planted to meet his need.”*

[Unknown]

## ENGAGE & CONNECT

Describe a time in your life when you were noticed by those around you. How did that make you feel and/or what impact did it have on you?

## BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*“The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are attentive to their cry.”*

[Psalm 34:15]

## BIG IDEA

Trusting Jesus gives Him the space to redefine the way you view yourself and others.

## PASSAGE

- Luke 19:1-10

## DISCUSSION

1. What motivated Zacchaeus to seek Jesus despite his wealth and social status? How can Zacchaeus’ eagerness to see Jesus inspire us in our own spiritual journey?
2. In the sermon we heard, *“Something happened inside of Zacchaeus, and it made him willing to climb a tree to get near Jesus.”* Describe a time in your own life when you had an experience of needing to get near Jesus because something happened inside of you.
3. What does Jesus’ willingness to stay at Zacchaeus’ house tell us about His mission?
4. What is the significance of Zacchaeus addressing Jesus as "Lord"? In what area of your own life have you been hesitant to address Jesus as Lord? What is holding you back from doing that?
5. How does Zacchaeus’ response to Jesus’ presence demonstrate true repentance?
6. What can we learn from Zacchaeus’ willingness to make restitution for his past wrongs? How might God be inviting you to do something similar today?
7. Why did Jesus declare that salvation had come to Zacchaeus’ house?
8. What lessons can we learn from Jesus’ interaction with Zacchaeus about showing grace and acceptance to others?

9. How does Zacchaeus' story challenge our views on wealth and generosity?
10. In the sermon we heard, "*Jesus' invitation turned Zacchaeus' greed into generosity.*" How is God challenging and inviting you to turn your own greed into generosity?

## STEP OF OBEDIENCE

In 2 Corinthians 5:20, we receive our invitation to join in the amazing mission that Jesus started to seek and save the lost: "Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us. We plead on Christ's behalf, 'Be reconciled to God.'"

Based on the Holy Spirit's prompting, **what is a step of obedience that you can take as part of that mission?** Here are a few ways to consider being an ambassador to people from all walks of life ...

- How can you be more aware of and open to everyday opportunities?
- How can you be ready to share the Gospel with people of peace around you?
- How can you be prepared to share about God's goodness and grace in your own story?
  - *See the spiritual practice section below for a helpful tool!*

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Seeking and Loving the Lost

- Ask our Heavenly Father to guide us to be true ambassadors of Christ, saturating our hearts with His love so that we may share it with others.
- Pray that God grants us the wisdom to speak His truth, fills us with compassion to serve those in need, and allows us to be lights in our communities to draw others closer to Him.

## SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Each of us has a story to tell how Jesus came into our lives, saved us from our sin, and called us to Himself. When we share our stories with people around us, they can see what we have in common and that the saving work of Jesus Christ is available to all who believe and trust in Him!

- [Sharing Your Story](https://rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story) or [rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story](https://rockbridge.cc/sharing-your-story)