

A MAN WHO IS A SINNER

Luke 19:1-10



Memory Verse: Luke 19:10 “For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”

Icebreaker: What’s your favorite spectator sport or event? How do you participate as a spectator?

1. When we meet Zacchaeus in Luke 19, we see a man who just wants to get a glimpse of Jesus, a character who was causing such a stir throughout the region. In what ways is it okay to be a spectator? When is it wrong to just be a spectator? Why are people sometimes hesitant to take move past being spectators?
2. Pastor Phil listed three common fears of church spectators: (A) Being known, (B) being compelled, and (C) being dissatisfied. If you were to be susceptible to any of these fears, which would be the most prevalent for you? What happens if we allow fears to define our relationship with Christ?
3. When we first consider Zacchaeus’ reaction to being called by Jesus, we are encouraged by his immediate obedience. We can see that he wants to *make it right*, but at the same time *he* is the one who wants to make it right. Only Jesus can save Zacchaeus. In what ways is this sort of enthusiasm from a new believer good? In what ways is it dangerous? How can we guard against a concept of works-based, self-sufficient salvation?
4. Jesus’ response to Zacchaeus in Luke 19:9-10 clears up any misconceptions we might have about our self-sufficiency. How does Jesus’ statement that “salvation has come to this house” compare to Zacchaeus’ desire to make restitution in his own power? How does your personal testimony reinforce the truth that your salvation has nothing to do with your deeds?

Live It:

Where are you tempted to be a spectator, to blend into the crowd to avoid being known?

In what ways are you being called to step out and act on your faith?

Where are you struggling to overcome the perceived comfort of sin in favor of the satisfaction you can only find in Jesus?