



Luke 19:1-10

NIV

¹Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.



⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay

at your house today." ⁶So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."



⁸But 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."

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



Discuss

Zacchaeus has been a corrupt tax collector, skimming off the top of the taxes he takes from his community. As a result, they hate him. Imagine how disillusioned with his life Zacchaeus must feel.

1. Why does Zacchaeus want to see Jesus?
2. Zacchaeus is curious about Jesus, but he knows he isn't welcome by the crowd. Why does Zacchaeus trust him enough to get out of the tree?
3. What surprises you about how Jesus interacts with Zacchaeus? Why would Jesus invite himself over to Zacchaeus' house?
4. Jesus creates a God moment in Zacchaeus' life when he builds trust with him at the tree. This moment blooms into a movement of God when Zacchaeus turns away from his corruption and restores all that he had stolen to the people. Imagine the city of Jericho getting back 4x what they gave up. How might the people of Jericho view Jesus after Zacchaeus' transformation?
5. What do you like about Jesus in this story? Just like he did with Zacchaeus, Jesus wants to build trust with all of us. Ask Jesus to build trust with you this week.
6. We are also sent to be trust builders. Who do you know on campus that you can build trust with? Take a risk and be a friend to others. Text someone you know to get a meal this week and build trust with them.

