

NS LIFE GROUPS

NorthStar Church

Waypoints – Week 3 – Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

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Main Idea: Jesus' mission (and our mission as his followers) is to seek and save the lost.

Icebreaker: Have you ever had the opportunity to meet someone famous or get to see someone famous in person? (At a concert, sporting event, etc.) Who was it and what was the occasion?

Study: Read the Scripture, the following points and questions, and your sermon notes to discuss within your group.

1. **“Passing through” (v. 1)**- We can only live effectively for Christ when we understand that we are just sojourners who are passing through.
 - a. What does it mean for Christians to view ourselves as “just passing through” this life?
 - b. How should having a “just passing through” mentality affect how you live your life? (*In your family? As a friend? As a neighbor? As an employee? With your time, money, and resources? Etc.?*)
2. **“When there is a hole in your soul, the size of a house or account cannot fill it.” (v.2-3)**- Zacchaeus had power and wealth as a chief tax collector, but something was still missing from his life which made him look for Jesus.
 - a. Has there ever been something that you longed for and worked for thinking that it would satisfy you only to find out later that it wasn't enough to satisfy your soul? (*Think: Desire for more money; success in career, academics, athletics, art; successful kids; a relationship with someone; marriage; material things; etc.*)
 - b. How does an intimate, saving relationship with Jesus Christ satisfy our souls, lives, and longings in a way no earthly thing can (like money, success, etc.)?
3. **The crowds kept Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus. (v. 4)**- The people following Jesus were getting in the way of Zacchaeus being able to see the Savior.
 - a. In what ways can we as believers sometimes “get in the way” of people wanting to know the God we follow? (*Possible answer: Lack of integrity, unkindness, some sin issue, Our walk doesn't match our talk, etc.*)
 - b. Is there are area of your life where you need to repent of living in a way that “gets in the way” of people wanting to follow Jesus?

Application:

Zacchaeus didn't just need to pay back the people he had robbed. He needed salvation from his sins through a saving relationship with Jesus (v. 8-9). Luckily for Zacchaeus and for us, Jesus' mission is “to seek and to save the lost” (v. 10).

1. Have you surrendered your life to Jesus and trusted him for your salvation? Or have you tried to earn his forgiveness by cleaning up your life and doing enough good works?
2. Can you honestly say that Jesus' mission in verse 10 is the mission statement of your life as well? How have you been doing at living that out? How do you need to repent and obey to make this your mission?

3. Who in your life needs to hear the message of Jesus: That he provides forgiveness of sins without needing to try and clean up your life on your own? *(Share some names and pray for those people during your closing prayer time.)*

Pray:

Pray for each person in your group and their various requests. Pray that God would use us to live out his mission of seeking and saving the lost. Pray that God would give us opportunities this week to have spiritual conversations with those in our lives who don't have a relationship with Jesus. Pray, by name, for people in our lives who need Jesus.