

Luke 19, Lent 4  
Small Group Questions

**Gathering**

1. Do you enjoy climbing trees? When was the last time you climbed a tree?
2. What famous or significant person would you climb a tree to see?

**Looking at the Text**

In Luke 19 Zacchaeus, a wealthy chief tax collector, climbs a tree so he can see Jesus. When Jesus sees him, he tells Zacchaeus that he is going to his house to share a meal. We don't know what exactly happens during the meal, but after the meal Zacchaeus decides he wants to give away half his possessions & pay back all the people he's stolen from 4-fold. Jesus states salvation has come to Zacchaeus's house.

**Read Luke 19:1-4**

1. Why is Jesus passing through Jericho?
2. What does Zacchaeus's job tell us about him?
3. Why does Zacchaeus climb a tree?

**Read Luke 19:5-7**

1. What do you think Zacchaeus thought when Jesus said he wanted to come to his house?
2. Why was it surprising that Jesus was going to share a meal with Zacchaeus?
3. Why did the people 'mutter' about Jesus sharing a meal with Zacchaeus?

**Read Luke 19:8**

1. What do you think Jesus & Zacchaeus talked about at dinner?
2. What did Zacchaeus choose to do after sharing a meal with Jesus?
3. Why is Zacchaeus's generosity & desire to right wrongs unique?
4. Why do you think Zacchaeus desired to do what he said in verse 8?

**Read Luke 19:9-10**

1. What do you think verse 9 means?
2. What does verse 10 tell you about Jesus?

**Application**

1. Do you think Zacchaeus being a short man is a significant detail in this story?
2. Why do you think Zacchaeus became a Chief Tax Collector?
3. Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus?
4. Do you think Christians today would 'mutter' or complain if Jesus shared a meal with someone as sinful as Zacchaeus today?
5. What would you say & do if Jesus said He was coming to your house today?
6. How do you think Jesus talked to Zacchaeus during the meal? How should we talk to people who aren't followers of Jesus?
7. Do you think it was an easy decision for Zacchaeus to give away half his possessions & pay people back 4 times what he owed them?
8. What do you think changed in Zacchaeus during his meal with Jesus?
9. How did Zacchaeus's identity change from the beginning of the story to the end of the story?
10. Verse 10 says that 'Jesus came to seek & save the lost'. How do we join Jesus on this mission?