

Sermon: A Little Man Meets a Big God.
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10.
Date: November 30, 2025

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) The passage doesn't say explicitly why Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus, but we know he humbled himself (climbing a tree) to see Christ. Is there anything in your life that is humbling you and driving you to want to see more of Jesus?
- b) The "religious" crowd following Jesus prevented Zacchaeus from seeing Jesus. Can you identify any ways that this same shallow Christianity might be keeping you from seeing/following the true Jesus? Can you identify ways you have been part of this kind of religious "crowd"?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) After Zacchaeus' salvation, Jesus calls him a "son of Abraham." What do you think he meant by calling him this? Does God only save Jews? How does the Zacchaeus story demonstrate God's love for everyone?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Read Luke 19:10 again. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. How does this contrast with the crowd's response in verse seven? Do you believe God can save anyone? Is there anyone (a modern day Zacchaeus) that you think is beyond saving?
- b) Tim called Jesus the "better Joshua" who tore down the walls of the heart in Jericho. Does the story of Zacchaeus help to tear down any walls that remain in your heart?

APPLICATION

- a) When Zacchaeus received Christ we see immediate results in terms of his sharing and making restitution. What good works has Jesus been calling you to do recently? Specifically, is there any restitution that you need to make to someone you have hurt?
- b) Zacchaeus received Jesus joyfully. Does your salvation bring you joy? Why or why not? What would need to change for your walk with Christ to be full of joy?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his mercy in saving anyone who believes in Christ.
- Confess ways that you have been part of the religious "crowd."
- Thank Jesus for being our "better Joshua" who tears down the walls of our hearts.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you both obey Jesus and enjoy Jesus.