



JULY 16/17, 2022

SCRIPTURE: LUKE 19: 1-9

OPTIONAL STUDY DURING BREAKS

As a group, read Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus' story is found only in Luke's Gospel (19:1-9), and as we read through it, what's important for us to remember is that while the focus is primarily on Zacchaeus, it's really about God, His goodness and His power to save and change lives. In fact, Luke captures the main point of this entire passage in verse 10: "**For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.**"

1. **What were you like before your salvation?**
2. **What were you like after your salvation?**

In his sermon, Pastor Alec gave us three points to consider:

1. GOD SOUGHT AFTER ZACCHAEUS

He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

It's easy to think that Zacchaeus was the one who was seeking because he was doing everything he could to see Jesus. But all of us, prior to accepting Christ, were "dead spiritually." There was a refusal to live according to God's will.

It is impossible for someone who is spiritually dead to seek God. They need someone else to make that happen, and that's what it means when we say that God seeks after us.

GOD INITIATES THE PROCESS OF SALVATION. WE CAN'T DO IT BECAUSE OUR HEARTS ARE DEAD IN SIN.

But God took our sin-dead lives and made us alive in Christ. He did all this on His own, with no help from us! Ephesians 2:5 (The Message)

2. GOD SAVED ZACCHAUS

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

WHEN GOD SAVES THE LOST, IT'S PERSONAL; HE CALLS US BY NAME.

"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow Me." John 10:27

WHEN GOD SAVES THE LOST, HE MEETS US WHERE WE'RE AT.

3. ZACCHAEUS TOOK A STAND--Not just a physical stand; a **conscious decision to stop and repent.**

LIVE IT!

- **Could you be the one who awakens someone who is dead in sin this week?**
- **What stand do you want to take for Christ today?**