

Do you enjoy climbing trees? When was the last time you climbed a tree?

What famous or significant person would you climb a tree to see?

Read Luke 19:1-10

What stood out to you in this passage?

What does this passage say about God and people?

Do you think Zacchaeus being a short man is a significant detail in this story? Why or why not?

Why do you think Zacchaeus became a Chief Tax Collector?

Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus?

Do you think Christians today would 'mutter' or complain if Jesus shared a meal with someone as sinful as Zacchaeus today?

How does the way Jesus sees people as lost challenge the way you see people?

How does the mission of Jesus inform the priorities of our lives?

How does our cynicism about people keep us from presenting Christ to them? Can we be open and loving without being vulnerable and overly trusting? What's the balance? How do we achieve this?

Jesus was a recognised and respected Jewish leader in the community. He PUBLICLY restores Zacchaeus back into the Jewish community by stating, "this man, too, is a son of Abraham." Zacchaeus would now be able to worship with them in the synagogue and be accepted by the religious community. We often think of salvation as only involving forgiving our sins. But what part of salvation has to do with Jesus connecting us to a larger worshiping community? Why do we need others to help us serve Jesus more faithfully?

Jesus stated that he came to seek and save the lost. How does being "lost" manifest itself in the various areas of our life such as our relationships, our finances, our health, our attitudes, etc.?

What is the key application from this passage for you?