

## **Group Questions – Re-Entry – Love**

The 1<sup>st</sup> key to navigating change – **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> key to navigating change – **HOPE OVER HYPE**

This week, the 3<sup>rd</sup> key to navigating change – **LOVE**

**Read** – Luke 19:1-2

Pastor Nate shared how tax collectors were some of the most hated people in Jewish society in that day.

***Why were tax collectors so hated by their fellow Jews?***

***What does it tell us that Zacchaeus was a CHIEF tax collector, and RICH?***

**Read** – Luke 19:3-4

Although Zacchaeus was rich, he still wanted to see Jesus really bad.

***What does this reveal about the limited satisfaction of riches?***

In that culture, a wealthy man, climbing a tree, would be very disgraceful.

***What does this reveal about what was happening inside of Zacchaeus?***

Zacchaeus had a burning desire to see Jesus, so he did what it took to see Him.

**Read** – Hebrews 11:6

***What does this say about who is rewarded?***

**Read** – Luke 19:5

***How was Zacchaeus rewarded?***

***Why do you think Jesus chose to honor a man who was so sinful and hated?***

***What do we learn about Jesus, by the fact He chose to go to the house of a sinner who everyone hated?***

**Read** – Luke 19:6-10

Zacchaeus made this commitment after spending time with Jesus.

***Why do you think Zacchaeus had such a huge change of heart?***

Pastor Nate shared there were 2 things that effected Zacchaeus...

- 1) Jesus SAW Zacchaeus – He didn't ignore Zacchaeus
- 2) Jesus HONORED Zacchaeus – By choosing to go to his house

Think of someone you currently disagree with.

***How could you SEE THEM, and HONOR THEM, like Jesus did with Zacchaeus?***

Pastor Nate shared, "You can win the argument, but lose the person."

***Why would it be bad to win the argument and lose the person?***

Pastor Nate shared how LOVE is the impetus for CHANGE in people.

***Can you share a time when LOVE changed you?***

***Can you share a time when YOUR LOVE changed someone else?***

**Read** – Matthew 5:40-44

***Why do you think Jesus instructed us to show love like this?***

***Why is it so difficult for us to show love like this?***

***Consider your life changes... did you do it, did others do it, or did God do it?***

***According to Jesus, in Matthew 5, what is our part in helping others change?***

The type of love Jesus described in Matthew 5 is "other worldly".

***How is it possible for us to be able to show "other worldly" type of love?***

**Read** – 1 John 4:19 and 2 Corinthians 5:14a

Close in prayer asking God to show you His love, so you can show it to others.