



LIFEWork for the week starting November 14, 2021

## ZACCHAEUS AND THE 10 MINAS - Luke 19:1-27

PRAY - STUDY - SHARE

1. Read the text again, Luke 19:1-27, and discuss any insights that especially popped up for you from the text or this week's sermon.
2. The story of Zacchaeus is connected to the last two stories of chapter 18. We do not believe that Luke connects these stories coincidentally. Look at Jesus' report to the disciples of what would happen to him in Jerusalem, the healing of the blind beggar from last week, and this story of short tax collector and notice what they have in common.
3. Pastor highlighted a pattern of Jesus' interaction with people and ultimately with each of us. Discuss those steps and how Jesus has been carrying them out in your life.
4. Discuss the "now and not yet" message of the Kingdom that is presented again and again in these chapters of Luke. How does that truth affect your thinking and attitudes about your daily life especially when complications set in.
5. Dr. Robert Deffinbaugh writes: "God's sovereignty does not remove our responsibility both to seek God and to obey Him. And yet when we do, we know that it is because God has caused us to will and to work His good pleasure. No man who truly seeks God as Savior will ever be turned away. Those who do seek, will find that they have first been sought by Him, the One who came to seek and to save the sinner." This Biblical fact always seems to cause tension. As Christ followers who worship through a historic Lutheran lens, we are always cautious to not slip into "taking credit" for our salvation. AND ... we recognize we have responsibility to respond to Christ's invitation and commands. Jesus did not force Himself onto Zacchaeus. Discuss these beautiful tension-filled truths.
6. What was, to you, the most difficult aspect of the parable of the ten minas? What does the Bible teach that would align with the third of the ten servants? i.e. what does God entrust to us that would, if improperly stewarded, lead to our destruction?

Last Sunday was ALL SAINTS recognition. This week we honored our VETERANS. Next Sunday we recognize MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES. In addition to your regular prayers over each other, we invite you to reflect on and pray over any of those connected to your group as you pray for each other this week.



## Zacchaeus and the Ten Minas

Luke 19:1-27

November 14, 2021 – Pastor D. R. Hilken

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*“Going up to Jerusalem ... As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging ... He entered Jericho and was passing through”*

TAX COLLECTORS  
are attracted to Jesus  
Rich young ruler versus Rich little collector  
Some behaviors are LEGAL AND SINFUL  
Some behaviors are legal yet DESPISED

Zacchaeus facts and speculation

- ❖ RIGHTEOUS one
- ❖ SHORT
- ❖ Chief tax collector
- ❖ DESPISED
- ❖ He REALLY wanted to see Jesus

Verse 5 we see Jesus' typical grace-filled pattern

- ❖ Looked up and saw him
- ❖ CALLS YOU BY NAME – I know who you are/you  
John 10:1-5
- ❖ Urgent REQUEST
- ❖ Submission
- ❖ Necessity (dei)
- ❖ Today - The Kingdom (now and not yet)

Two reactions – Joy & Grumbling (by whom at whom?)

Theme verse of the book of Luke – 19:10  
“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost”

Two parables (Luke 12:35-40 & 19:12-27)  
with two important lessons

1. The purpose and PRIORITY of wealth
2. The TIMING of the Kingdom

Kingdom Timing and Kingdom Economies  
Archelaus and JESUS