



Silverdale Baptist Church
It's All About Jesus ~ Jesus: The Pursuer
Luke 19:1-10~ 03/09-10/2024

Big Idea

Jesus loves and pursues a relationship with us.

Big Question

How are you pursuing a relationship with the Zacchaeus-like people in your world?

Getting Started

Have you ever been lost or lost someone?

How did you feel?

What did you do?

Learn

| HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ LUKE 19:1-10.

1. Jesus sees you.

*And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a **chief tax collector** and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was **small** in stature. So he **ran** on ahead and **climbed up** into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, **He looked up** (Luke 19:2-5)*

What do you know about Zacchaeus?

Zacchaeus was hated and despised, but what did Jesus do when He saw him?

What do you do when you see someone you despise? Do you “see” them or avoid eye contact and pretend they are not here?

2. Jesus knows and wants you.

*And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “**Zacchaeus**, hurry and come down, for I must **stay at your house** today.” So he hurried and came down and **received Him joyfully**. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” (Luke 19:5-7)*

Jesus saw Zacchaeus and spoke to him. Why?

When did you realize Jesus loves you and wants a relationship with you?

How are you reaching out to the hated and unloved to develop a relationship with them?

3. Jesus transforms you.

*And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the **half of my goods I give to the poor**.” And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it **fourfold**.” (Luke 19:8)*

*Because he committed this cold-hearted crime, he must pay for the lamb **four times over!**” (2 Sam 12:6)*

*And Jesus said to him, “**Today salvation** has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. (Luke 19:9)*

How do Zaccheaus’ actions show his changed heart?

Look at your life; how do your actions show a changed heart?

Apply

What are you doing to reach out and love the unlovely, hated, and despised?

What has the Holy Spirit shown you this week?

Who will you tell what you have learned?

Pray

Father, thank You for the reminder that Jesus sees us, loves us, and wants a relationship with us. We know You love the whole world, but it's easy to feel lost among billions of people. Thank You for the reminder that You not only love the whole world, You love me. Teach us to reach out to others, especially people we do not like, and tell them about Your love. In Jesus' name, amen.