Get In Position

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OPENING QUESTION

What is something that you have ever gone out of your way to get a better view of, be a part of, or not miss out on?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 19:1-10
Matthew 6:33
Matthew 6:21
Matthew 23:23

KEY TAKE AWAY(S)

- **Reaching the right way is about getting in position.**
  - Sean highlighted that reaching for God is not about wishing or earning. Rather, it is about standing rightly before Him - positioning our lives in a posture of expectation and obedience.

- **Preparation reveals expectation.**
  - Zacchaeus couldn't control when Jesus was going to pass by, but he could control where he stood. Similarly, we can't control when God might move in our lives, but we can prepare our hearts and minds for His movement.

- **Jesus moves toward sinners and calls them by name.**
  - Jesus did not wait for Zacchaeus to clean up his life first. Transformation happened after Zacchaeus welcomed Jesus in.

- **True encounter with Jesus leads to surrendered action.**
  - Zacchaeus' generosity was not his attempt to earn salvation; it was evidence of his transformation. In our lives this might mean generosity, but it might also mean simply attending church, serving, and joining community as a way we "reorient" our lives around Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. **Zacchaeus "ran ahead" and climbed a tree so that he could see Jesus. What does it look like for us to "get in position" spiritually? (Luke 19:1-10)**
   a. Are there any habits, comforts, or distractions that prevent you from seeing God clearly in your life?

2. **Jesus says to "seek first" the kingdom of God. Sean pointed out that reaching is not about earning or wishing, but about standing right. What is one area of your life where you sense God inviting you to seek Him first more intentionally? (Matthew 6:33)**

3. **Jesus called Zacchaeus by name and went to his house before Zacchaeus had made things right in his life financially. What does this reveal to us about the grace of God? (Luke 19:5-10)**

a. How does it challenge the idea that we need to “get our lives right” before coming to God?

4. **Sean taught that our money and our heart travel together and that giving is meant to soften our hearts toward God, not just check a box. What helps you keep your heart connected to God while practicing spiritual disciplines (giving, serving, etc.)? (Matthew 6:21, Matthew 23:23)**

PRACTICE

Run Ahead and Get In Position!

This week, choose one practical way to intentionally position yourself to see what God is doing in your life and respond accordingly.

1. **Pick one area to reorient:**
    a. Attend - Show up to grow up
    b. Serve - Serve to be shaped
    c. Groups/Community - Don’t practice His way alone
    d. Give - Give because you’re grateful

Ask the Lord to show you where you may need to get in position this week.

2. **Take concrete action**
    a. Prayerfully step into one specific action to position yourself for what God might want to do in your life, such as:
        i. Attend church with expectation, not just because it’s routine.
        ii. Sign up to serve or ask about potential serve opportunities.
        iii. Begin praying about tithing/giving and take one step into that as you feel led.
        iv. Set aside 10 minutes each morning to simply ask God, “what are You inviting me into today?”

The goal is not to earn anything from God. The goal is to create space to welcome God into your life and allow Him to transform you.

3. **Pray daily**
    a. Each day this week, pray the prayer below:

CLOSING PRAYER

Jesus, I desire to see You clearly in my life. Please help me to get in position so that I am prepared and give me the courage to respond when You call me by name. I invite you into every part of my life: my house, my heart, my habits, my relationships, and my resources. Thank you that you don’t call the equipped, but rather equip the called to practice Your ways. Amen.