

# Discussion Questions

## December 13 - 19

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1. You have been given \$10,000 to go anywhere in the world. Where (besides Oklahoma—everyone's obvious choice) do you go?

*(Icebreaker courtesy of Mike & Yvette Hershey's group with a slight—but needed—edit).*

2. Read the story of Zacchaeus again (Luke 19:1-10). Many people learn about this story when they are children and sometimes think of it as a children's story. Why do you think the German pastor and author, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, calls this one of the most dangerous stories in all the Bible?
3. Compare the story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) with the story of the Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18:18-30). Discuss the similarities and differences as a group.
4. Observe Zacchaeus' repentance and restitution in Luke 19:1-10. Why are these two things (repentance and restitution) important in the life of a growing believer?
5. The Scottish Olympian and missionary, Eric Liddell, once said, "When I run, I feel God's pleasure." How would you word that sentence? "When I \_\_\_\_\_, I feel God's pleasure." What do you do that gives you great joy?

## Bible References

### Luke 19:1-10

*19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. <sup>3</sup> And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. <sup>4</sup> So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> 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." <sup>6</sup> So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. <sup>7</sup> And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." <sup>8</sup> 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." <sup>9</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

### Luke 18:18-30

*<sup>18</sup> And a ruler asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>19</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>20</sup> You know the commandments: 'Do not commit adultery, Do not murder, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>21</sup> And he said, "All these I have kept from my youth." <sup>22</sup> When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." <sup>23</sup> But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. <sup>24</sup> Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, "How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup> Those who heard it said, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup> But he said, "What is impossible with man is possible with God." <sup>28</sup> And Peter said, "See, we have left our homes and followed you." <sup>29</sup> And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers<sup>[a]</sup> or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."*

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