

BREAKING UP WITH MY BAGGAGE!

Introduction:

Every journey requires preparation. Where am I going? What will it take to get there? And then, there is the issue, of what will I pack for the journey. Unfortunately, so often we find ourselves carrying unnecessary baggage. How can we leave the baggage of the past so we can live the life God intended?

Scriptures:

- <u>LUKE 19:1-9, NIV</u>
- ROMANS 7:14-24, THE MESSAGE
- ROMANS 8:1-2, NKJ

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Pastor focused the message on the idea that we all have unnecessary baggage. Why is this an important teaching?
- 2. How have you personally dealt with the baggage of offense?
- 3. What specifically have you struggled to "break up with?"
- **4.** When Zacchaeus stood in Jesus' presence, he was able to confront his issues. What is something that you have let go of to move forward spiritually?
- 5. What is your understanding of **ROMANS 7:14-24**?

Moving Forward: God's Emancipation Proclamation

- 1. NO CONDEMNATION!
- 2. FREEDOM IS HERE!
- 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS AVAILABLE!

Changing Your Mind:

Since we have such a huge crowd of men of faith watching us from the grandstands, let us strip off anything that slows us down or holds us back, and especially those sins that wrap themselves so tightly around our feet and trip us up; and let us run with patience the particular race that God has set before us (Hebrews 12:1, TLB).