



Leader

8/17 - Luke 19:1-10

LOVE

A new commandment I give to you, that you love *one another*... (John 13:34)

- *Internal*: How was your week...anything new? How was your walk with the Lord this week?
- *External*: Is there any individual or family who is struggling or needs encouragement from us?

TRUTH

Let the word of God dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing *one another*... (Col. 3:16)

1. When you reflect on the message from Sunday, what most resonated with you?
[Dialogue]
2. Let's read our primary text. When we arrive in Luke 19, what was Jesus up to? Where was he coming from and where was he going?
Jesus is making his way from Caesarea Philippi and making several stops along the way to head south towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51). In this text, Jesus has arrived in Jericho, northeast of Jerusalem in the Jordan Valley.
3. How does the Bible describe Zacchaeus? What was his occupation? Was he liked?
Zacchaeus was a man of short stature. He was the chief tax collector and because of his occupation he was despised by many.
4. What was the role of tax collectors in biblical times? Why were they so hated?
They represented Roman authority. Because of their Roman affiliation and the fact that they extorted money from the people for their own gain, the people despised them. They represented oppression and greed.
5. Someone briefly tell the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. What can we learn from Zach's reaction to Jesus?
When we encounter Jesus in a real way, we depart changed. For Zacchaeus, the area of his life that needed change the most (his money idol) was surrendered to the Lord.
6. How would you use this text to teach a child or a loved one the lesson of repentance?
Zacchaeus moved from greed to generosity, from a taker to a giver. Repentance is turning from your sinful direction and heading in the opposite direction, the God honoring direction.
7. What is the main theme of this text? [Hint: Some might say this is also the main theme of the entire book]
Jesus came to seek and save the lost.

8. What does it mean to be "lost"? How would you use verse 10 as the "launchpad" to share the gospel with someone?

Someone that is spiritually lost is someone who cannot find their way back to God because of sin in their life. Sometimes they are lost so long, they do not know where home is. Jesus comes to find them and bring them safely home.

Gospel - "I understand that you maybe be feeling broken or lost in many ways...It reminds me of a story in the Bible, Luke 19, where Jesus says he came to 'seek and save the lost.'"

9. Any other thoughts you would like to share before we wrap up this text?

[Dialogue]

GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... (Matt. 28:19-20)

- Did you disciple your family well this week? Is it apparent to others that Jesus the reason for your hope in your daily activity? Would anyone like to share the gospel with the group?

CONFESSION/PRAYER/REPENTANCE

But exhort *one another* every day, as long as it is called "today,"... (Heb. 3:12-14)

- Confession is agreeing with God about our sin according to the Scriptures. Is there anything you want to confess before the group? [*apathy, idolatry, selfishness, jealousy, anger, envy*]
- Let's pray, asking God to help us apply His word to our lives.

Sources:

- ESV Study Bible Commentary
- Christ-Centered Exposition, Luke - (Anyabwile)
- Multiple AI resources (Chat GPT, Grok)