

Community Group Discussion Questions

"Living in Limb"o Luke 19:1-10 August 18, 2018

Getting Started

WE AT CBC ARE CALLED AS A CHURCH AND A PEOPLE WHO HELP LIFT PEOPLE FROM ALL THAT BLOCKS JESUS, IN ORDER TO HELP THEM SEE JESUS!

Who do you remember from your faith journey that helped remove obstacles so you could see Jesus better? Tell us about that person.

Going Deeper

- I. A **Title** of Corruption: *"he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy"* (Vs. 2)
 - a. **Unwanted by Reputation:** Considered a traitor because of exploitation.
 - b. **Unclean by Relationship:** Considered detestable because of Gentile affiliation.

Many of us have a predisposition to prejudge certain kinds of people and this causes us to devalue them and decide against going the extra mile for them. Where do you think these prejudices come from? What has to change in your mind/heart for you to overcome them?

- II. A **Tree** of Elevation: *"He wanted to see who Jesus was"* (Vs. 3)
 - a. **Stature was Constricting:** *"being a short man"* (Vs. 3)
 - b. **Size of the Crowd:** *"because of the crowd"* (Vs. 3)
 - c. **Statement of Curiosity:** *"he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way"* (Vs. 4)

- i. Undignified Expression (Run and Climb)
- ii. Uncovering Emptiness (Climbing, but never Arriving)

When someone is seeking Jesus in today's culture, where do they go to find Him? How accurate is the picture they find of Him? How can we make sure they find us so we can give them an honest and true account of Jesus?

III. A Table of Association: (Vs. 5-6)

- a. **Pursues Purposefully:** *"When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up"* (Vs. 5)
- b. **Speaks Significance:** *"Zacchaeus"* (Vs. 5)
- c. **Inspires Invitation:** *"come down immediately"* (Vs. 5)
- d. **Bestows Blessing:** *"I must stay at your house today"* (Vs. 5)
- e. **Requires a Response:** *"So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly"* (Vs. 6)

Pastor Scott Kindig has taught us about the three openings we need to have in our lives: an open door, an open table, and an open heart. What would it look like in your life and your ability to reach modern day seekers like Zacchaeus if you started living this kind of 'open' life?

IV.A Testimony of Salvation: *"Today, salvation has come to this house"* (Vs. 9)

- a. **Repentance:** *"Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor"* (Vs. 8)
- b. **Restitution:** *"If I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount"* (Vs. 8)
- c. **Rejoicing:** *"because this man, too, is a son of Abraham"* (Vs. 9)

What do you notice about the salvation of Zacchaeus? (How did it affect his heart, mind, ethics, morals?)

V. A Target of Ambition: “For the Son of Man” (Vs. 10)

- a. Live Intentionally: “*came to seek*” (Vs. 10)
 - i. Matthew 5:32
 - ii. Mark 2:17
 - iii. 1Timothy 1:15
- b. Love Radically: “*and to save*” (Vs. 10)
- c. Liberate all in Captivity: “***what*** was lost” (Vs.10)

How are you seeking modern day Zacchaeus's?

How are you loving them?

How are you sharing the Gospel with them?

If you're struggling to answer these questions, how can you start living, loving, and liberating?

Take Away: There is no record of Jesus shaming Zacchaeus, compassion leads to repentance.

Prayer Requests