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Love Where You Live: Your “One”

Luke 19:1-10, 1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” 9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Look at how Jesus approached just one person:

#1 Jesus: approached a lost sinner (19:1-2)

- Zacchaeus was a sinner, but Jesus thought he was worth saving!
- We are prone to think of “one” as small and insignificant, but the Bible consistently speaks of the importance of one.

#2 Jesus: approached a curious seeker (19:3-4)

- God is always working on people before we reach out to them: the Father draws them; the Spirit convicts them; and we point them to Jesus!

- Why is Zacchaeus curious about Jesus? The Bible says in Ecclesiastes 3:10, that God has “set eternity in the human heart”.

#3 Jesus: approached intentionally (19:5)

- The next step for you may not be sharing the gospel, but the earlier step of simply praying about who God wants you to be intentional with first.

#4 Jesus: approached relationally (19:6-7)

- True discipleship will involve life-on-life relationships!

Look at the surprising response of that one person:

#1 Zacchaeus: repented & believed (19:8)

- Zacchaeus did not change jobs. His job was the same, but he now used his job as an opportunity to give glory to God.
- Following Jesus must eventually lead to real life change for all of us.

#2 Zacchaeus: was saved & rejoiced (19:9-10)

- Listen to the rejoicing over salvation Jesus describes in Luke 15:3-7, ...“Suppose one of you has a 100 sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the 99 in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over 1 sinner who repents than over 99 righteous persons who do not need to repent.”
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Identify 1 person far from God that you can:

- Pray for daily
- Check in on weekly
- Invite to church sometime

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