

- I. Jesus models “*passing through*” principles
- A. He is not *pre-occupied* Luke 18:31-43;
John 11:1ff
I Kings 18:26-29
- B. He is *available* Rev 2:7;
Mark 5:21-35;
Luke 10:30-36;
Isa 30:15-16
- C. He does *invite* John 1:38-39; 4:7-10;
John 5:1-6; 9:1-7
- II. Zacchaeus *teaches* us to *look* differently
- A. The “*lost*” fall in *lots* of *lots* Luke 15:1ff;
John 17:12;
I Cor 15:17-18
- B. Spiritual hunger *shows* John 3:1-4;
Luke 18:43;
Acts 9:1ff; 16:13-14;
John 4:35;
Col 4:5-6
- C. Salvation *shows* Lev 6:5; Num 5:7;
Ex 22:1; II Sam 12:6;
Gal 3:7; Rom 4:11-12, 16
- III. Jesus’ *mission* is now *ours* John 17:18; 20:21
- A. *Seek* I Cor 9:19-22
- B. *Save* Rom 11:13-14;
I Cor 7:15-16; 9:22;
James 5:20; Jude 22-23

¹ Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was one of the most influential Jews in the Roman tax-collecting business, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowds. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree beside the road, so he could watch from there. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! For I must be a guest in your home today." ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the crowds were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have overcharged people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ And I, the Son of Man, have come to seek and save those like him who are lost."

Care Group Questions

“Passing Through” Principles Text: Luke 19:1-10

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1. Have you ever learned a skill from “just a book or instruction manual” (like the girl in the video who learned to yodel)? If so, what was the skill and why did you want to learn it?
2. Can you review the background in Jesus’ life at the time of this interaction with Zacchaeus? Where was He going? What events were about to happen in the next few days?
3. Knowing what you do about Jesus’ situation, why is it amazing that He is not pre-occupied? Can you share about a time when you were pre-occupied and consequently probably missed some opportunities with other people?
4. Jesus is also available. What are some factors which must be in place for us to be available for a “change of plans”? (e.g. eyes to see the opportunity, a heart that cares . . .) How did the good Samaritan model these (Luke 10:30-36)?
5. What are the two invitations Jesus makes to Zacchaeus? Can you recall any other “invitations” that Jesus made to people as recorded in the gospels?
6. Jesus speaks of the “lost”. Who are they and how is Zacchaeus lost? Who are “the lost” in our world?
7. How did Zacchaeus’ spiritual hunger show itself in this story? Have you personally ever seen spiritual hunger in someone? How did it manifest?
8. How did Zacchaeus’ salvation show? Have you seen new life in someone showing? If so, can you tell about it?
9. If Jesus’ mission to seek and save the lost is now ours, what are some ways, even creative ways, that we can seek others?
10. How do we “save” others? (Isn’t that God’s work?)
11. What specifically do you need to apply to your life from the truths in this passage?

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