

Scripture

Luke 19:1-10, Luke 18:18-30, Genesis 1:27

Ice Breaker

1. What occupation would you least like to do?
2. If you could invite any person, living or dead, to dinner, who would it be?

Going Deeper

1. Over the last three Sundays, we have been in a series called "Seeing Clearly". Has there been anything over the last few weeks that you keep thinking about? Any questions you have had?
2. Read Luke 19:1-10
3. The story of Zacchaeus is one we may be familiar with. Take a few minutes reading the story again slowly, but this time try to imagine yourself into the crowd. After reading it again, is there anything that stands out to you from the story?
4. If you had been Zacchaeus when Jesus stopped under his tree and said to him, "come down immediately," how would you have felt?
5. Why do you think Jesus invited himself over to Zacchaeus' house to eat and stay?
6. Why do you think it bothered people so much that Jesus went to stay with Zacchaeus?
7. Have you ever been criticized by someone for the people you spend time with? What do you think their motivation was?
8. How is Jesus' reaction to Zacchaeus different from that of the crowd around him?
9. Do you ever judge people before you know them? Why might that sometimes be a good thing, but also sometimes not?
10. Read the story of the rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-30. How does Zacchaeus differ from him in his encounter with Jesus? Why do you think Zacchaeus responded the way he did to Jesus?
11. Why is Jesus able to treat Zacchaeus like a person and not just judge him as a sinner like the crowd?
12. Genesis 1:27 tells us all people are made in the image of God. What does that mean, and how should that change how we see people?
13. What is the risk of seeing ourselves, God, and other people clearly? What is the reward?

14. So far, in this series, we have talked about seeing ourselves clearly, seeing God clearly and seeing people clearly. Which of those topics do you struggle with the most? How can we pray for you to grow in that area of your life?