NOTES

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LUKE 19:1-10



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GOD SPEAKS

THE GREATEST CHANGES IN OUR LIVES TAKE PLACE WHEN WE SEE OURSELVES AS GOD SEES US.

FOUR WAYS WE JUDGE OUR WORTH

- BY APPEARANCE HOW DO I LOOK?
- BY ACHIEVEMENT WHAT HAVE I ACCOMPLISHED?
- BY APPROVAL HOW WELL AM I LIKED?
- BY AFFLUENCE WHAT DO I OWN?

1. NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT I FEEL, JESUS

"When Jesus got to the tree, He looked up..." Luke 19:5

2. NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME, JESUS

"...Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and <u>called him by name</u> 'Zacchaeus!' He said." Luke 19:5b

3. NO MATTER WHAT I'VE DONE, JESUS

"...He said, 'Come down quickly! For I am going to be a guest in your home today!" Luke 19:5c

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO JESUS?

"So he came down at once and received Him with joy." Luke 19:8

THE RESULT

"Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, '<u>I'll give</u> half of my possessions to the poor. And if I've cheated anyone, <u>I'll give</u> them back four times the amount.' Jesus responded, '<u>Salvation</u> has come to this home today!" Luke 19:8-9

GOD INVITES

Dear God, I know You made me for a reason and I want to get to know You. Thank You for noticing every detail of my life. I can't imagine that kind of love. That You've always been watching every second of my life with love. Thank You for seeing my potential in spite of my sin. Thank You for wanting me in spite of all that I've done. Today I surrender to Your love. I invite You into my life and into my mind. Please make changes in me that turn me from a taker into a giver and into all the things that You want me to be and that I've always wanted to be myself. Thank You for not being ashamed of me. I don't want to be ashamed of You. In Your name I pray. Amen."

DIVING DEEPER

- It's difficult for many people to accept God's grace and mercy. Why do you think this is so?
- You often hear about God's unconditional love. But how does it make you feel to know that God's mercy is unconditional, too?
- What person in your life needs to hear about God's grace and mercy? How can you share that message with them this week?