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BEING THE CHURCH
Part 3: The Turquoise Table
Luke 19:1-9
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Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?



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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min)
2. Share your story ... *When did you first become aware that you were on a spiritual journey? Tell us what happened.* (7-10 min)
3. Read Luke 19:1-9.
4. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)

[Jesus] entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. (Luke 19:1-3)

What are some things that keep people from seeing Jesus today? What can we do to remove those obstacles for them?

So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. (vs. 4-6)

Why are some people more willing to go out on a limb *if they're invited to something*?

And when they saw it, they all grumbled, “He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold.” (vs. 7-8)

Do you need to make amends with someone? If so, what's your next step?

And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” (vs. 9)

What did Zacchaeus say or do to demonstrate he had experienced saving faith?

PLAN OF ACTION

Ask someone to tell you his or her spiritual journey story this week (even a non-Christian). Ask probing questions. Show genuine interest. Offer no opinions or judgments.