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DAY 4 Read Luke 19:8 focusing on Zacchaeus' Statement of Faith.

What's so incredible about Zacchaeus' statement here? How do you think this is connected to his faith in Jesus? What does Zacchaeus mean by saying, "And IF I have cheated people on their taxes...?" What does your personal commitment to Jesus look like on a practical level? Pray 1John 3:16-18.

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Part 15

4.10.22

"Going Out on a Limb to Find & Follow Jesus"

(Jesus & Zacchaeus)

Luke 19:1-10

"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me." Luke 9:23 NLT

"You've got to go out on a limb sometimes because that's where the fruit is." -- Will Rogers

DAY 5 Read Luke 19:9-10 focusing on Jesus' Response to Zacchaeus.

Is Jesus saying Zacchaeus is saved by giving all that money or what else does He mean? Can you back that up by Scripture? What does Jesus mean about being a true son of Abraham? Connect this with James 2:19-24. What's the bottom line of Jesus' Mission according to vs.10 and how are you involved in this? Pray for a heart that seeks Jesus and the lost.

1. Seek Jesus with Intensity.

"Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way." Luke 19:1-4 NLT

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for me wholeheartedly, you will find me." Jer.29:11-13 NLT



2. Say Yes to Jesus' Invitation.

"When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled."

Luke 19:5-7 NLT

"The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him...." 2Chron.16:9 NLT

3. Show Your Faith with Integrity that makes an Impact.

"Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Luke 19:8-10 NLT

"You say you have faith, for you believe that there is one God. Good for you! Even the demons believe this, and they tremble in terror. How foolish! Can't you see that faith without good deeds is useless? Don't you remember that our ancestor Abraham was shown to be right with God by his actions when he offered his son Isaac on the altar? You see, his faith and his actions worked together. His actions made his faith complete...we are shown to be right with God by what we do, not by faith alone."

Jas.2:19-24 NLT

"We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions."

1Jn.3:16-18 NLT

DAILY LIFE GROUP GUIDE _____ Apr.11-16, 2022

Use *this* guide this week to help you spend time with God every day. As you go through the daily devotional, reflect on His Word and pray specifically for God to guide your steps each day. Take one day at a time - Read, Reflect, and Record your answers. Spend time in prayer for God's guidance. Share your thoughts & action steps with your LifeGroup. We are Better Together!

DAY 1 Read Luke 19:1-4 focusing on Seeking Jesus with Intensity.

How would you describe Zacchaeus from this passage? What was his community reputation like and what made him want to see Jesus? Is it just because he's short that he climbs the tree, or is there something deeper going on in his heart that motivates this action? The last time I personally "went out on a limb" for Jesus was.....? Pray for intensity in seeking Jesus.

DAY 2 Read Luke 19:5 focusing on Jesus' Invitation to Zacchaeus.

What do you think it was that caused Jesus to look at Zacchaeus and call him by name? If you were Zacchaeus here, what would you be thinking? What does it mean to you that Jesus said He "must" come to Zac's house – why? How comfortable are you with Jesus knowing everything about you and still wanting to "be at home" with you? Explain. Pray with Jesus.

DAY 3 Read Luke 19:6-7 focusing on Zacchaeus' Response to Jesus.

How would you describe Zacchaeus' attitude about Jesus coming over? How is this different from the people in the crowd and why? What does it look like for you to spend time with Jesus and how would you rate your level of excitement & joy about it? Forget about everything & everyone else and spend time alone with Jesus. →