

Week 1 – Focused Faith

Luke 19:1-10

1. What is the significance of Zacchaeus being a chief tax collector? Who did he collect taxes for? What was his place in society?
2. Why do you think Jesus said it was necessary for him to stay with Zacchaeus?
3. There are three main characters or groups of people in this story. Briefly point out key differences between the three.
 - a. Zacchaeus:
 - b. Jesus:
 - c. The crowd:
4. Why did Zacchaeus' response to Jesus lead him to say that "salvation has come to this house?" Do you think it was a necessary response for Zacchaeus to payback what he had taken, and to pay it back four-fold? (*Read Luke 7:41-48 for more insight*)

5. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. What does it look like to “decide in your heart” what you should give? What does Paul say will be the result of cheerful giving? (*There are at least 4 different outcomes or benefits*)

6. How do your current practices of generosity reflect your understanding and hope in the Gospel? (*This includes our time, talent, and treasure*) What would it look like to stretch your faith in generosity?

7. Zacchaeus was focused. He desperately wanted to see Jesus. It would have been easy for him to give up or even intentionally hide, but he ran ahead and positioned himself so that he would be able to see Jesus above the crowd. What or who is the crowd in your life? And are you willing to put in the effort to stay focused and see Jesus? What would that look like?