

REACHING OUTSIDE THE CHURCH - PART 4

Luke 19:1-10

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He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 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."

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6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 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." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

Key points:

1. Open our eyes to those around us in the normal course of life.
2. We must take on a “missional” mindset.
3. Act upon the spiritual opportunities that present themselves.
4. Jesus took the initiatives in conversation.
5. Be the church so you can invite to church.

Next Steps

1. Pray this prayer on a daily basis (Dr. Alvin Reed) “God give me today:
 1. An opportunity to speak with someone about Jesus;
 2. the eyes to see it;
 3. the courage to take it.”
2. Set a personal goal to talk to at least one person the next week about Christ.