

100 days with Jesus

Group Study No: 15

Luke 19:1-10

Introduction

Say hello to Zacchaeus, the Danny DeVito of the Gospels. Big house, plenty of money, lots of rich friends and despised by the people. Why? Because he's the complete opposite of Robin Hood. Zacchaeus is a tax collector which means he squeezes money out of the people, he gives some of it to the Romans, but he also keeps a big cut for himself.

Discussion

1. If it was tax collectors who were not liked in Jesus' day, which group would you say are looked down upon or hated today?
2. Why did Zacchaeus have to climb a tree?
3. Looking at this story, do you think Jesus is interested in crowds or individuals?
4. Can you think of other occasions when Jesus picks out an individual in a crowd?
5. Why does Jesus invite himself back to Zacchaeus' house?
6. Have you ever been aware of Jesus entering your life?
7. When Zacchaeus came to faith, parts of his life changed instantly. What kind of changes has Jesus made in your life?
8. If Jesus wanted you to spend time with one individual, who do you think that would be?

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Where, or rather, who
is the Zacchaeus in my life?
Slow me down, that I might remember him.
Help me to recall her voice, his face.
Help me to notice him, to visit her.
Amen.