

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, February 22, 2009

Passage: Luke 19:1-10

Memory Passage: Luke 19:10

TODAY: *From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?*

DAY 1 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:1-4.** What are the two things that we find out immediately about Zacchaeus?
- (b) What would it mean not just to be a tax collector but a chief tax collector? What would they be responsible for?
- (c) How would the average Jew see him?
- (d) *Think about it:* Why would a man like this seek after Jesus? What would motivate Him?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:1-4. Talk about what it meant that Zacchaeus was the chief tax collector. How would Zacchaeus be treated by his fellow Jews? Would they be just in treating him like this? Did Jesus come and die for people just like Zacchaeus? Why is it hard to love people like Zacchaeus? Pray for a heart of compassion toward the Zacchaeuses of the world.

DAY 2 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Luke 19:1-4.** What was Zacchaeus trying to do? What did he end up having to do?
- (b) Would this have been a very dignified thing to do?
- (c) *Think about it:* Would you be willing to embarrass yourself just to see Jesus? What does it say about Zaccheus' awareness of his own need?
- (d) *Family:* Read Luke 19:1-4. What would you be willing to do just to see Jesus? Do you seek after Jesus right now? Talk about different ways that you can seek after Jesus right now. Pray that the Lord would give you a hunger and a thirst to seek after Christ.

DAY 3 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Luke 19:5-7.** What does Jesus do that is so surprising? Why is it surprising?
- (b) What were the reactions of Zaccheaus and of the people?
- (c) What did they grumble about?
- (d) *Think about it:* Would you ever reach out and invite a 'Zaccheaus' into your house? Who do you know that is a 'Zaccheaus'?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:5-8. Talk about the reactions of Zaccheaus and the other people to Jesus' invitation. Why was it so surprising? Would you ever have invited Zaccheaus into your home? What does Jesus teach us about reaching out to others here? Pray that you would have a heart of compassion like Jesus for all those who are lost.

DAY 4 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 19:8-10.** When does Zaccheaus make his statement in verse 8? When will he give away his wealth?
- (b) What does it say about his heart change? What would the people say about such a bold statement?
- (c) What does Jesus say in response to Zaccheaus pronouncement?
- (d) *Think about it:* What does this passage teach us about true repentance?
- (e) *Family:* Read Luke 19:8-10. Talk about Zaccheaus' response in v. 8 and Jesus' response to that. What does this say about what true repentance is? Are you willing to give up all to reconcile yourself to Jesus? Pray for a heart of brokenness so that you may lay before Christ your life daily as a living sacrifice.

DAY 5 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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- (a) **Read Luke 19:1-10.** Compare/Contrast the story of Zaccheaus and of the rich young ruler.
- (b) Does Jesus have to ask Zaccheaus to give up his possessions? How is this a fulfillment of what Jesus said in 18:27?
- (c) What is different about Zaccheaus' status in society and the rich young rulers?

(a) *Think about it:* What difference did it make that Zaccheaus was painfully aware of his own sinfulness? Are you aware of your own need (Romans 3:23)?

(b) *Family:* Read Luke 19:1-10 and 18:18-27. Compare the two stories with each other. What does this teach us about true repentance and a true seeker after God? What does true Godliness really look like? Pray that your life would model the repentant life of Zaccheaus.

DAY 6 – PRAY FOR INSIGHT

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(a) *Think back through what you have learned each day this week.* What has been convicting to you this week? Read Galatians 3:1-3. Are you continuing in faith on a daily basis or are you relying on some decision in the past? Read Romans 12:1-2. Our lives are to be a continual living sacrifice to God. What are you struggling with giving over to God? Let us know so we can pray for you! Email your pastors and let them know.

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The Old Rich Tax Collector

“For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”