

## **Connect Group Discussion Guide**

- What is the most beautiful word in any known language? If you answered "my name", you would be correct. Have you ever been walking by a person, heard your name, and slowed down to listen? If so, what caused you to slow down? What did you expect to hear?
- 2. When our name is called, we feel significant. Our name gives life to us, identity. What does your name mean to you?
- 3. Zacchaeus means "clean and pure". As a tax collector, he was the opposite of what his name signified. However, his name was aspirational; who he would come to be as a result of his encounter with Jesus. Tell the story of an encounter you had with Jesus that had a positive impact on you.
- 4. In these verses, imagine how livid the crowd must have been when Jesus wanted to stay at Zacchaeus' house because they considered him a traitor. Was there ever a time where others had a perspective about you that was not positive? How did that make you feel? How did you react?
- 5. There are three reasons Jesus called someone by name:
  - He wanted them to be aware that He knew them (knew all about them)
  - He wanted to display His authority over them (claim them as His own—Cor. 19:20)
  - He wanted to display His affection for them (1 John 4:19) What do these three reasons mean to you personally?
- 6. Jesus called Zacchaeus by name because He knew his potential; who he could become even though he was already a "chief" in his field. You may feel insignificant, but you are not. You may think you have failed, but you have not. There is still more for you in God. How does this and Eph. 3:20 encourage you?

"Significance in a Name" Week of January 10, 2021

### Main Idea

The most beautiful word in any known language is our own name.

# Our name give us a sense of identity.

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud: Luke 19:1-10 I Cor. 19:20 1 John 4:19 Eph. 3:20

### **Your Faith in Action**

What steps will you take this week to **show** others what you believe (in words, and in deeds)?

Mon:
Tue:
Wed:
Thu:
Fri:
Sat:
Sun:

This is a constant element, so you can practically live out your faith everyday.