



## Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. Two main goals of this sermon series are: that you would know you are significant and not invisible to Christ and that you would, in turn, help others embrace this important truth for themselves. When did you realize you were not invisible to Christ? In what ways do you help others realize their own significance?
2. The story of Zacchaeus is an illustration of the faithful presence of Christ. How Jesus responded to him displays that He speaks to both the greatest outcast and the most hurting. Have you known an outcast or someone who was hurting? If so, how did you interact with or respond to him or her? How did you feel after?
3. The interaction between Jesus and Zacchaeus teaches us that Jesus was interested in more than a religious conversion for Zacchaeus. He was interested in a transformational relationship with him. It is the same for you. What does this truth mean to you?
4. Being a Christ-follower is more than a doctrinal statement, it is a way of seeing the world. What does this mean to you?
5. There are four ways to practice the presence of Jesus:
  - Set our minds (on what the Spirit desires) - Rom. 8:5
  - Pray continually (meaning, be in continual conversation with Jesus throughout your day) - 1 Thess. 5:17-18
  - Remain in Jesus (keeping your mind and focus on how Jesus would want you to behave in life) - John 15:4
  - Love your neighbor— Matt. 22:37-39If you struggle in any of these areas, which are they? How do you struggle? How can those in your CG help you?
6. A few of the results of practicing His presence are: we learn to trust and stand with God, we recognize our shortcomings and sins, Jesus burns up the chaff in our lives. How can you get more of these things in your life?

**"Presence Matters Most"**

**Week of January 17, 2021**

### Main Idea

***You are significant  
and not invisible to  
Christ and part of our  
privilege is to help  
others to embrace  
this important truth.***

### Key Scripture Reference(s)

**Read aloud:**

**Luke 19:1-10**

**Romans 8:5**

**1 Thessalonians 5:17-18**

**John 15:4**

**Matthew 22:37-39**

### 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.*