



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. What kind of affirmations do you think or speak to yourself often during the week? What do these do for you?
2. One of the themes that carries throughout the book of Luke is the idea that the tax collector is the ultimate sinner. Zacchaeus was a Chief tax collector. Possibly, it was Zacchaeus' own attempt to become more significant in his life by amassing wealth that comes from being a tax collector that actually diminished his significance entirely. Have you known someone like this—who used material possessions to feel significant? How did this show up in that person's life, based on your observation? What did you think of this person?
3. Out of many, there are two false beliefs that permeate Christendom today:
 - Knowing Jesus makes me **more** significant than those who don't know Jesus. (Sometimes well-meaning, good Christian people become the obstacle for someone to take a step in faith towards God).
 - My significance in depends **on me**. (Sometimes we are our own obstacle from taking a step into Jesus).

The above are false because knowing Jesus means we see even the more how significant those who don't know Him are. They are lost and need us to be full of grace. Have you fallen into any of the above false beliefs? If so, what steps can you take now to shift that belief system?

4. Read the Galatians verses. His message is that God's love replaces what is dead in our lives with life. How does this speak to you?
5. Read the Romans verses. What are these saying to you about the love of God?

"Grace-Full"

Week of January 24, 2021

Main Idea

We should not be obstacles to others experiencing the love of God. We must be full of grace.

Key Scripture Reference(s)

Read aloud:

Luke 19:1-10

Galatians 2: 19-21

Joshua 6:1-5

Romans 10:9-13

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.