



Connect Group Discussion Guide

1. When we first met Zacchaeus, we quickly recognized that he had every reason to close himself off from others and build walls to keep them out: He had made bad life decisions, he was rejected because of his decisions, and he became protective of his wealth. Have you ever closed yourself off from others? What was the reason? Did you remain closed off? If not, what caused you to open up to them?
2. We learned that Zacchaeus had a hole in him that all the position, possessions and power could not fill. Inside every person, because everyone is created in the image of God, there is a God-shaped hole. What types of things have you used in the past to fill the emptiness you may have felt? When did you realized that Jesus was the only One who could fill that space? What changed for you after that?
3. Zacchaeus' desire inside to be known and seen grew so much that he decided to climb over the wall he had built in his heart. He became vulnerable—he climbed a tree in front of those who reviled him. Have you ever felt vulnerable in your pursuit of getting to know Jesus more? In what area(s) did you feel vulnerable? How did Jesus help?
4. Zacchaeus didn't let the opinion of others stop him from getting to Jesus. He didn't run away because he felt awkward in that tree. Instead, he stayed and Jesus saw him. It is hard to see Jesus when we are hiding. Our desire should be to create an uninhibited sight line between Jesus and ourselves. What do you do so that you can see Jesus?
5. Zacchaeus would have missed Jesus' invitation if he hid from Him. He didn't make excuses when Jesus extended the invitation. When God invites you into something, do you make excuses or do you respond? How quickly do you respond?
6. Zacchaeus was a transformed man as evidenced by him going above the law of restitution. How does this contrast with the rich, young ruler (Matthew verses)? What evidence is there that you have been transformed by Christ?

"The Lifestyle of Reconciliation"

Week of February 14, 2021

Main Idea

***Inside every person,
because everyone is
created in the image of God,
there is a
God-shaped hole that only a
relationship with Him can
fill.***

Key Scripture Reference(s)

***Read aloud:
Luke 19:1-10
Matthew 19:16-26***

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.*