

ZACCHAEUS: A STORY OF HOW GOD SEES US

Use the following Growth Group discussion questions to deepen your relationship with God, his Word and others.

Growth Group Leaders: It is not necessary to use all the questions. Select or ask questions you like or that best fit your Growth Group.

BREAK IT OUT:

1. What do you like about the story of Zacchaeus?
2. What did you take away from this sermon?

TALK IT OUT:

3. In what way can we most “identify with” the story of Zacchaeus? Why?
4. How is the way God sees us different from the way we see ourselves and also how the world sees us?
5. If Jesus initiates His love toward us, what keeps people from receiving it?
6. Do most Christians “stand tall” in their new identity with Christ? Why or why not?
7. Where did Jesus first find you: Up a tree, out on a limb or other?
8. How did He get you to come down? A little coaxing? A big scare? An invitation you couldn’t refuse?

WORK IT OUT:

9. From this story, what is it you need most: Knowing your significance to God, letting God forgive your past or standing tall in your new identity?
10. How can our growth groups help you “STAND TALL” in the Lord?

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I’m convinced most Christians don’t have a very good understanding of how God sees us. I’m not surprised about this because it’s really hard for us to comprehend. God sees us no differently from the way we see ourselves and the way others see us. There’s really no comparison. It’s like He and we are looking at two different people. In a way that’s true, because we can only see ourselves from our past experience, but He has chosen to see us now and as we will be in the future when we’re with Him forever. So let’s set aside how we see ourselves for a moment and learn how God sees us in the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus.

1. **God Sees Significance in Me** - (*Luke 19:1-5a NIV*). Through Christ I am made RIGHT in God’s sight regardless of what others THINK.
2. **God Sees Who I Really Am** - (*Luke 19:5b NIV*). Through Christ I am reconciled to GOD regardless of what I’ve DONE.
3. **God Sees Who I Can Become** - (*Luke 19:5c-7, 8-10 NIV*). Through Christ I am NO LONGER BOUND by who I was. I am FREE to become who God created.

APPLICATION

Know your significance to God, let God forgive your past, and stand tall in your new identity!

**NEXT WEEK 5/10 • SUPPORTING CAST:
THE CONVERTED THIEF • LUKE 23:32-43**