



Group Discussion Guide: With Jesus On-On-One | January 30, 2022

Begin with prayer (5 minutes).

As you begin, pray to open your time together.

Split into three or four mini-groups for Scripture and reflection (20 minutes).

In this sermon, Chad spoke of Jesus' one-on-one interaction with Zacchaeus from **Luke 19**, focusing on how Jesus has a heart for the crowd, Jesus has a heart for every person in the crowd, and how Jesus sends us back into the crowd.

For the next few moments, take some time to reflect together as a smaller group:

- When was a time in your life you felt like you were on the outside looking in?
- What does it say to you about Jesus' character that he focused on Zacchaeus?
- Have you considered the fact that out of 7 billion people in the world, God still wants a relationship with you personally? How do you feel about that?

After your allotted mini-group time is finished, have everyone circle back up in one big group to share their insights.

Come back together as a large group. Read Luke 19:1-10, go over the sermon, and share your thoughts and insights (35 minutes).

- How did your mini-group discussions go? What sorts of things rose to the surface from those conversations?
- **Read Luke 19:1-10.** What stands out to you about Zacchaeus? What resonates with you from the life of Jesus? Does anything surprise you from this passage? Does anything challenge you?
- Why do you think Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house," only *after* Zacchaeus gives away his money and possessions to the poor and repays the people he wronged? What does that teach you about the kingdom of God?
- Compare and contrast **Luke 19:1-10** (Zacchaeus' story) with the story of the rich young ruler in **Luke 18:18-30**. What is similar about these stories? What is different? What lessons should be learned from them both? Why do you think Luke puts these stories so close to one another in his Gospel?
- Have you ever had a moment in your life where you experienced God's grace in such a way as Zacchaeus? Share about that time.
- Have you ever had a time in life where God's grace radically changed how you operated, like Zacchaeus? Explain.



- In his message, Chad mentioned how Jesus has a heart for the crowd, how Jesus has a heart for every person *in* the crowd, and how Jesus sends us back into the crowd. Which of these three points resonates with you the most?
- What is one way your life group can help you remain faithful in following Jesus when you one day, inevitably, find yourself facing dire straits?

Split into gendered accountability groups (15 minutes).

Throughout this series, we'll create space each week to have accountability with one another. This will provide each person a more intimate and hopefully safer space to share areas where they might struggle. Here are a few questions to guide this time after you split out from one another:

- How have you experienced God's grace like Zacchaeus this past week?
- Where do you need God's grace right now?
- Is there anything from this message that made you uneasy or made you feel like you have fallen short of what God wants for you and your life? Explain.
- What has your time in Scripture and prayer been like recently?
- Who are you trying to bring to the Lord? Who can this group be praying for?
- How can this group pray for you right now?

Finish by praying over and for one another.

Come back as a large group and finish with intercessory prayer (10 minutes).

Like each week, finish your group session with prayer. You might designate someone in your group to write down everyone's prayer requests and then send them to the whole group for everyone to be praying about through the week.

- What is on your heart that you need prayer for?
- Who in your life needs prayer?

Have someone close in prayer.