

LIFE GROUPS

The Way . . . of Friendship

Message Summary

Jesus was all about establishing friendships with not just the poor & marginalized but also with the rich & powerful. Jesus notices Zacchaeus and expresses a desire to spend time with him. This highlights a spiritual principle: while you are searching for God... God is searching for you.

Engaging the Word

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

Read Luke 19:1-10

1. What do we know about Zacchaeus?
2. Why were the people disturbed by Jesus eating with Zacchaeus?
3. What does this encounter with Zacchaeus tell us about Jesus?

Engaging the Heart

1. What are some tangible ways we can follow Jesus' example of pursuing friendships that lead to life change?
2. Have you heard the phrase "missional living"? What does that mean? How does that relate to what Jesus is doing here?
3. Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus causes a dramatic change in his life. In what ways have you seen your life change as a result of your encounter with Jesus?

Engaging our World

Close your time together in prayer. Spend a few moments in silence asking God to bring someone to mind that you need to seek a friendship like this with. Maybe it is someone at work, school, church, or anywhere else. Seek out friendships where you can model what it truly means to follow Christ.