



LUKE

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Read either before your small group or all together at the start.

1. In Luke 19:1-10, Alex described 3 ways that Zacchaeus responded to Jesus. Take a look and remind yourself of each. Does your desire to know and welcome Jesus still burn as hot as it did on the day you met him? Why or why not? What affects the power of your desire for Jesus?
2. Take a look at the parable in Luke 19:11-27. What stands out to you from this story?
3. One key idea from the parable is Jesus' desire for us to be productive with what he's given us to use for his kingdom. He gets frustrated with complacency. As Alex said, "it's not about how much you've been given, but what you do with what you've been given." Take some time to think about and discuss, what's in your hands? What is it that you've been given to use for God?
4. The second point Alex points out from this parable is the hardness of the master who represents Jesus. That Jesus is not soft and is not to be trifled with. What do you think of this idea? Have you considered Jesus this way before? What does that say to you about your own faith journey?
5. In Luke 19:45-48, Luke recounts a simple story of Jesus coming into the temple. Alex pointed out this was more than just moral indignation by Jesus but actually the announcing of a new era. That the quote from Jeremiah (a den of robbers), representing a time when they were far from God is no more, but rather the quote from Isaiah (a house of prayer), representing God coming to save is now arrived. And it all turns on Jesus. Where have you seen that pivot in your own life around Jesus' work - away from a time of distance from God to a place where you are experiencing God's rescue?
6. Luke 19 ends with that little statement that "all the people hung on his words." What words has Jesus been speaking to you this week?