

January 11, 2009
Luke 19:1-10

The Call of Christ into His Mission:
The Reorientation of Vocation

You & Jesus
in The Story Together

I am ...

- a crowd member hanging out at the parade; aware that the crowd is there to see Jesus but not able to see him myself.
- wishing I knew where to find a tree to climb so I can see Jesus.
- uncertain if I want to risk climbing the tree to see Jesus.
- aware that Jesus has called my name and is inviting himself to my house for dinner and I've got a lot of mixed emotions about how to respond.
- sitting at dinner with Jesus; inspired by the time I'm getting to spend with him.
- responding to the grace I've received from Jesus by giving this grace to others.
- feeling like it has been a long time since I've had dinner with Jesus and I'm struggling to remember the excitement and hope of a personal encounter with him.
- _____

Your story

Share tree climbing stories with each other.

God's Story - Read Luke 19:1-10

List the characteristics of the 3 characters in this story – Jesus, Zacchaeus, the crowd.

How does Zacchaeus compare with the rich ruler of Luke 18:18-30? (Compare their approaches and responses to Jesus.)

What impresses you about Zacchaeus?

Why do you think Jesus asked to go to Zacchaeus' house? Why do you think Jesus singled him out? Make a list of all the things Jesus does for Zacchaeus.

How do you think Zacchaeus felt during this encounter with Jesus? What do you think they talked about at dinner?

In what ways do you identify with the crowd's response?

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Choose one of the scenarios to the left that best describes where you are right now. (Allow some time for everyone to read the options and think about their choice.)

Have each person share their choice with the group and explain why it describes them.

What "tree climbing" activity should you do this week? What can you do to put yourself in a place to see who Jesus is? What risks will this involve? What hope can you hold onto?

How did Zacchaeus experience hope and grace from Jesus? How do you experience hope and grace from Jesus? How do you give this hope and grace to others?

In what ways does this story, the sermon and today's discussion help you understand or reorient your sense of vocation; your sense of being called by God?

Pray Together!

Pray for each other as you heard needs through your discussion today.