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To Seek and to Save

Luke 19:1-10

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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

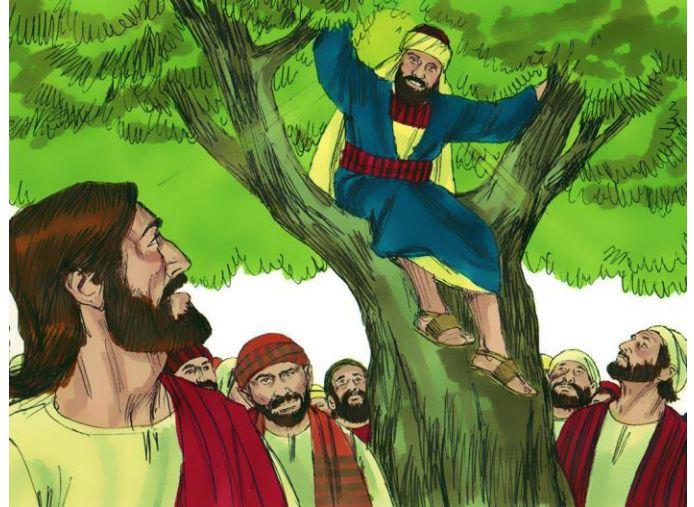
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

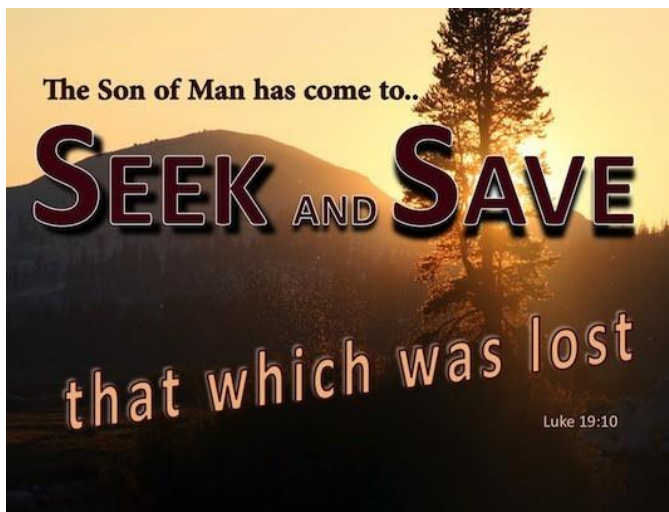
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we start a new series leading up to Easter Sunday and our celebration of the resurrection. In this series we will look at three different passages that help us understand why Jesus is the worthy and rightful ruler of Heaven and earth. This week we see Jesus' interaction with Zaccheus on his way through Jericho headed to Jerusalem. Zaccheus was a chief tax collector and considered a sinner by the religious leaders. Despite this, Jesus calls out to him and wants to stay at his house. Zaccheus' response shows his faith in Jesus and confirms his salvation. Zaccheus was lost but the reason Jesus came was to save the lost.



Luke 19:1-10 (NASB)

Zaccheus Converted

19 He entered Jericho and was passing through. ²And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. ³Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. ⁴So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, "Zaccheus, hurry and come down,

for today I must stay at your house." ⁶And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. ⁷When they saw it, they all *began* to grumble, saying, "He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." ⁸Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." ⁹And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

🕯 **EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

② **EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Why do you think Zaccheus wanted to see Jesus?

9. Why do you think Jesus wanted to stay at Zaccheus' house?

10. Why did the people object to Jesus staying with Zaccheus?

11. Why was Zaccheus saved?

12. According to this passage why did Jesus come to earth?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. The purpose of Jesus' life was to save the lost. How does your life reflect that of Jesus'?

14. How can you better prioritize seeking to save the lost?

15. How can our church prioritize seeking to save the lost?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES