



GETTING STARTED

Have you ever gone out on a limb to meet someone, gone backstage, or risked embarrassment to get the attention of someone?

READ AND REFLECT

Read Luke 19:1-10

What do we know about Jesus at this stage of his ministry? What in the text gives you a clue?

What do you learn about Zacchaeus? How would he have been positioned in society and what opinion would the Jews have held about him? How did tax collectors get so wealthy?

What was Zacchaeus' interest in Jesus? How does Jesus surprise him (and the crowd)?

Does anything surprise you about Zacchaeus' response to Jesus considering what you just discussed? Does anything surprise you with Jesus' response back to him?

Does this seem like the gospel to you? Why or why not?

ENGAGE AND DISCUSS

Does it seem that Zacchaeus had Psalm 32:1-7 in his mind, heart, and/or soul in his encounter with Jesus?

Have you ever experienced the gut-wrenching weight of sin being lifted off of you in a time of confession or response to God? If comfortable, share with the group.

Is deep confession something we plan or it is something that overtakes us? Explain.

What is needed to go out on a limb with God (or another) when it comes to confession and deepening our own transformation by the Spirit of God?

NEXT STEPS:

- Meditate on the Lectionary passages (especially the ones highlighted in this study) each day this week.
- Do you feel the weight of sin upon you as you reflect on these verses. Is some kind of confession appropriate for you?
- Listen to the Spirit. How are you to respond to God or others this week? Will you do it?