

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Week 2: No One Is Too Far Gone

SERIES OVERVIEW

Our 7 convictions are Biblical and reveal the heart of who we are and what we do as a church. These convictions will shape and define our culture as we strive to accomplish our mission.

CONTEXT

In Luke 19:1-10, Jesus meets Zacchaeus, a wealthy tax collector, in Jericho. Despite Zacchaeus' social standing and wealth, Jesus chooses to stay at his house, leading to Zacchaeus' repentance and commitment to give half of his possessions to the poor, illustrating Jesus' mission to seek and save the lost.

THE BIG IDEA

No One Is Too Far Gone!

Jesus does not see what you see when He looks at a lost person. He sees someone He came for.

We believe our God is forever faithful and with him all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). Therefore, we will be a people of faith, refusing to dream small dreams or pray safe prayers. We will take risks, bank our lives on God's promises, and be confident in his ability to do abundantly more than we can ask or imagine (Eph. 3:20).

SCRIPTURE: Luke 19:1-10

1 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

ICE BREAKER

Who is someone you think is too far gone and why do you think this about them? You know, the one you've stopped praying for with expectation. (It can be someone you know personally or not.)

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Read THE BIG IDEA on page 1 above. As a group, brainstorm individuals in the New Testament who prove that “no one is too far gone”. Have a few people share a time when you truly needed a second chance from God.

Read Luke 19:1-10 as a group.

What is one thing that stood out to you from the sermon and why do you think God wants you to remember this truth?

Luke 19:1–10 is not a children's story. It is one of the clearest pictures of the gospel in the New Testament. Discuss how this story proclaims the Gospel.

How are the story of Zacchaeus and the Prodigal Son in Luke 15 similar? What do they both teach us about God and your role is God's story?

How does Romans 5:8 speak to these stories? How does God's pursuit of you, even though you are a sinner, impact how you experience and view Him?

Read Luke 19:9-10. What is the significance of Jesus calling Zacchaeus “a son of Abraham?”

How does Luke 19:1-10 disprove the lies of the evil one who says, “you've done too much, been gone too long, grace and forgiveness are for other people?” What lie do you hear and believe from the evil one?

In what ways have you seen our church live out this conviction, No One Is Too Far Gone? Share a story that comes to mind?

Discussion continued.

Sermon Quote: “The crowd writes your story based on your past. Jesus writes your story based on His purpose.”

How has this quote been true for you? What should be our response to this truth?

PRAYER (In gender based groups)

*Share praises, answered prayers, and prayer requests. Share 3 things you are grateful for.

LAST CHANCE!!!!



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