



February 11th Sermon Questions

Giving- Zacchaeus

Luke 19: 1-10

Icebreaker: If you received \$1,000 right now, what would you do with it and why?

Discussion Questions: Read the scripture verses above.

1. Luke writes that Zacchaeus "was seeking to see who Jesus was" (v.3). What do you think his intentions or motivations were?
2. Why did the crowd not like what was happening (v.7)? What do you think they were thinking and feeling?
3. Due to Zacchaeus' job as "a chief tax collector" (v.2), he was distrusted and despised by everyone and likely didn't have many friends. Why do you think Jesus invited himself over to his house? What do you think Zacchaeus was thinking and feeling at that moment?
4. In his sermon, Giorgio said that the way of the Kingdom of God is to never condemn someone to their worst behavior. What do you think about this statement? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
5. In the previous chapter (18:18-30), Luke tells a story of a rich, young ruler who was a keeper of God's Law, but could not repent of his idolatry to money and walks away sad. How is Zacchaeus and his encounter with Jesus similar to that man's? How is it radically different?

6. We don't know what all transpired in Zacchaeus' house that day, we do see that the result of his encounter with Jesus is a massive change of heart. What do you think happened for Zacchaeus to relinquish his lifestyle of corruption and greed to become a champion of justice and generosity?
7. Jesus says, "Today salvation has come to this house" (v.9). As a result of Zacchaeus' conversion, he experiences transformation! Why is it important that we don't confuse the order here?
8. How does the gospel free us to be people of mercy and generosity?
9. In what ways have you personally grown in generosity as you continue to follow Jesus? What transformation have you experienced that has allowed you to move from a posture of clenched fists to open hands?
10. What is your primary takeaway from this six-week sermon series on generosity? What do you think God is calling you to do as we transition into the season of Lent?