

Leader Conversation Guide - XXVII - Luke

Main Idea

This week Pastor Curt continued our XXVII series with a message from the Gospel of Luke. The majority of Jesus' ministry was aimed to the broken and spiritually outcast. Jesus would intentionally seek out those who were rejected by society. In Luke 19:1-10, Zacchaeus has an encounter with Jesus. Despite the attempts of the religious people to discredit Zacchaeus, he has a true encounter with Jesus and his life is transformed. Let's dive deeper into this passage and see how it applies in our lives...

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

LUKE 19:10

Make It Practical:

- 1. The world is searching for Jesus.
 - a. Physical limitations don't keep people from Jesus. People keep people from Jesus.
 - b. It's easy to make a point. It's difficult to make a difference.
 - c. We are called to be funnel, not a filter.
 - d. When we lose our why, we lose our way.
 - e. Our job is to catch the fish. Jesus' job is to clean them.
 - f. People will sacrifice their dignity to find clarity.
- 2. <u>Jesus leaned in relationally to those He disagreed with theologically.</u>
 - a. You may ruin your reputation helping someone find salvation.
 - b. Religious people always disqualify others, for what disqualified them.
 - c. The further you get from Jesus, the more your stuff matters.
 - d. The closer you get to Jesus, the less you care about the things of this world.
- 3. Jesus was not passively wandering; He was intentionally searching.
 - a. Seek: to seek in order to find
 - b. Save: to rescue from danger or destruction; to make well, healed, or restored

Talk About It

- What part of this message impacted you the most?
- Who in your life needs the light of Jesus that you can invite to church?
- How can we become more welcoming to the lost and unchurched people of Lancaster County, who are visiting Victory Church for the first time?

Jesus said to His followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.

MARK 16:15 (NCV)

Prayer

Father, thank You for seeking us out in the midst of our mess. If there is anything in our lives that needs to be given to You, please reveal it and strengthen me to surrender to You. Holy Spirit, help us to not overlook the people around us who need an encounter with You. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Leader Tip

Remind Group Members that Growth Track starts this Sunday! If there is someone who hasn't been through Growth Track yet, let them know this is a great Next Step in getting connected to Victory Church. Growth Track happens during the second service at every Victory Church location.