Series: Know Jesus to be Like Jesus Message: Going out on a Limb

March 17, 2019

Life Group Study

For week of March 17, 2019

Luke 19:1-10

Following Jesus starts with seeing Jesus.

Q: How far out on a limb are you willing to go?

Following Jesus leads to <u>change</u> (salvation).

Salvation changes everything.

- Right past wrongs.
- New goals and values.
- It starts at home.

Another look into the heart of Jesus for us to follow.

- Put the <u>needs</u> and <u>interests</u> of others ahead of yourself.
- Seek people far from God, don't just put up with them.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

At Life Group, show something from your mobile device or wallet / purse something you're proud of, has sentimental value, or is of great importance to you. Spend a moment sharing with the group about this.

Think of a time when you went out of your way or made special plans to go see someone or some place just because you knew you had to. Were you successful in your attempt and did it change you in any way? If so, How?

Connect to God's story

Read Luke 18:35-43.

What is revealed by the impatience of those who rebuked the beggar? How is this encounter a picture of salvation?

Read Luke 18:18-23.

Compare this interaction with the previous one we read. What do you learn from them about the character of God?

In what ways do we respond like the beggar to Jesus' good news? In what way do we respond like the crowd?

Read Luke 19:1-10.

Zacchaeus goes as far as to climb a tree to get a better look at Jesus. What types of things do you do to get closer to Him?

What do you think of Jesus' words "I must stay at your house today?" What does this tell us about how we are to treat people "nobody" likes or people we see as sinners?

An encounter with Jesus will leave you changed, like Zacchaeus. Are there changes Jesus is leading you to make when you follow him as Savior? How has Jesus changed your life?

Luke 19:10 shows Jesus' heart and purpose. Is this your heart and purpose? What would it take for us to share His heart for people?

When Jesus reached out to Zacchaeus, a transformation took place which caused Zacchaeus to re-think how he was living his life. What impact can you have on someone by reaching out and showing kindness?

For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.

- Luke 19:10 (NLT)

My Prayer for 2019

My Lord and Savior Jesus, thank you for your gift of grace to me. My soul hungers for you. I want to know you – not just intellectually, but relationally. I give you permission to tear down every false thought, every lie, and every stronghold the Enemy has established within me.

I will pursue my relationship with you with my whole heart. I will hold nothing back from you. I am open and willing to receive the good things you have planned for me.

Lask:

Work your good in me so that I might reflect you more. Work your good for me so that I might receive all that you intend for me.

Work your good through me so that all around me, people will experience your love and goodness and be drawn to you.

I am open and ready for all you will do in, for, and through me.

I love you, Jesus.

Amen

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer:

- Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- Praise God! Railing in, some carpet down, Electrical 90% done.
- Pray for construction timeline that things continue to move on time.
- Pray for a heart that is responsive to need around you.
- Pray for the ongoing funding of the building project and for the safety of all workers involved.
- Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.