

Of Saints & Scoundrels

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UNFORGETTABLE

ENCOUNTERS

WARM UP

What has been your favorite winter Olympic moment or event (this year or in history)?

COMING UP

GRACEPOLARIS.ORG/CALENDAR

Women's Weekend with Jennifer Shaw Friday Evening & Saturday Morning, March 2 & 3. Register at GracePolaris.org/WeekendForWomen.

Night at the Cinema: Action & Adventure Friday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., WC auditorium

GraceKIDS Grand Prix Saturday, March 10, 9:00 a.m., FC auxiliary gym. Register by March 3 at GracePolaris.org/Kids for just \$8 per child.

WITNESS

- On your white board, list the names of people in your sphere of influence you're praying will come to know Jesus.
- Share any progress/updates. Pray together for God to use you and your Grace Group to influence these people for Jesus.

EXPLORE

- 1 What concepts jumped out at you from this week's passage and sermon?
- 2 Zacchaeus was willing to be undignified in order to see Jesus (19:4). What internal wrestling matches have you fought in your heart as you have considered God-honoring choices and behaviors that you anticipate will invoke the scorn of others?
- 3 "All the people" were angry with Jesus and envious of Zacchaeus because Jesus requested Zacchaeus' hospitality (19:7). Who are the people easiest for you (or for church people) to look down on or write off as undeserving of God's favor? What does this reveal about our hearts? Have you been disappointed with Jesus because He failed to meet your expectations? Explain.
- 4 Money lost its grip on Zacchaeus when he encountered Jesus. How has your own encounter with Jesus changed you? How have you seen your perspective on money and your other passions altered?
- 5 Verse 8 records the evidence of Zacchaeus' saving faith. His faith — not his works — saved him. How important is the "fruit" or evidence of salvation? Explain.
- 6 Jesus reiterates His mission on earth "to seek and to save what was lost" (19:10), so He spent a lot of time with lost people. The title "friend of sinners" was not a compliment. How should followers of Jesus pursue friendship with unbelievers? What pitfalls should be avoided?
- 7 **DIG DEEP** Read and consider other times Luke mentions tax collectors (5:27-32; 7:18-35; 15:1-7; 18:9-14). What do you learn about Jesus and how to respond to Him?

PRAY

Pray that God would help you identify any counterfeit treasures in your heart that hinder you from experiencing unbridled joy in Him. Ask Him to empower you to overcome those counterfeits.