

Peace With Others

Outline – September 24, 2023

Luke 19:1-10; James 5:14-16

We All Want To Be Known For Something

- I. **What were you known for? What do you want to be known for?**
 - A. A good parent
 - B. A good sales rep.
 - C. An amazing teacher, physician, attorney, law enforcement, etc.
- II. **Zacchaeus was known for:**
 - A. Being short (small stature)
 1. Bullied
 2. Overlooked
 3. Not taken seriously
 - B. When you are known for something, you don't want to be known for
Or, when we don't measure up to our "image"
 1. We start making excuses
 2. We start pretending
 3. We start overcompensating
 - C. Zacchaeus (overcompensated)
 1. Became chief tax collector
 2. He cheated, extorted, abused his people
 3. He taught others how to do the same
 - D. He was rich, but hated
 1. Lonely
 2. Avoided
 3. Insecure
 4. He had spent his life hiding his insecurities
 5. He tried to cover-up his imperfections, feelings
 6. That is stressful, exhausting, robs you of your peace
 - E. Zacchaeus was struggling with what he wanted to be known for, and who he actually was
 1. Wanted to be known for being successful and rich
 2. Known as a cheat, con, traitor, extortioner
 3. Everyone hated him
- III. **Like most tax collectors, Zacchaeus stayed guarded**
 - A. He had "walls" up
 - B. He pretended a lot
 - C. He finally realized
 1. You don't get better until you get authentic
 2. Until we embrace where we are, we can't get where we want to be
 3. If you stay guarded, you won't relate to people and they won't relate to you

- IV. **When Jesus showed up, Zacchaeus let his guard down**
 - A. He believed Jesus could make a difference
 - B. Zacchaeus was realizing some things
 - 1. Money is a master/idol that is never satisfied
 - 2. His position and pride were not giving him what he wanted
 - 3. His secret life, sins, loneliness was destroying him
- V. **Zacchaeus was willing to do something unusual - climb a tree to see a Rabbi**
 - A. He became vulnerable, transparent, real
 - B. When you bring your life into the light, healing begins
 - C. When was last time you were transparent about:
 - 1. A fear
 - 2. A fetish
 - 3. A family problem
- VI. **This is why Jesus called Zacchaeus by name**
 - A. Jesus recognized him...
 - B. "Coming to your house"
 - 1. Fellowship/community is essential
 - 2. No one fixes themselves by themselves
 - 3. Jesus is saying "Drop your image, accept my invitation"
 - C. Zacchaeus had been alone, now Jesus was wanting to be in his life
 - D. Jesus wants to be in your life
- VII. **The response of Zachaeus**
 - A. He hurried down
 - B. He received Him gladly
 - C. I don't want to be that guy anymore
 - D. I am going to make things right with others
 - E. The power of restitution
 - 1. Repenting, repaying, restoring, renewing
 - F. He wanted (now) to be known for someone who made things right
- VIII. **The response of others**
 - A. A sinner beyond salvation
 - B. Someone not worthy of redemption
- IX. **The response of Jesus**
 - A. Salvation has come
 - B. He came to save the lost
 - C. God accepts us as we are, but doesn't leave us that way
 - D. The ABC's of salvation: Acknowledge, Believe, Confess
 - E. ABC's of discipleship: Accountability, Belong, Care

**There Is Where You Find
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