

Zacchaeus: Public Repair

Practicing the Way series: Honoring the Image of God in All People

Sunday message from May 14th, 2023

~ Notes & Reflections ~

- **Honoring the image of God in all people is how our church is choosing to spread hope in 2023.**
 - ❖ Honoring the image of God in all people includes you. You are valuable.
 - ❖ Because of sin, relationship with God, others and creation was marred. But, God is constantly in pursuit of His image-bearers to mend the fractured relationship.
 - ❖ Read [Luke 19.1-10](#). What stands out to you? What impacts you the most? How do you see God's pursuit of His image-bearers in this passage?
- **You don't have to be busy to be a part of God's plan.**
 - ❖ Jesus was not in a hurry as He passed through Jericho (Luke 19.1).
 - ❖ Busy or not busy, you are valuable to God. When is this easy to believe? When is it difficult?
- **Jesus and Zacchaeus stood in stark contrast to each other. Zacchaeus was a part of systemic oppression, using his power to take advantage of people and serve himself. Jesus used His power to serve others.**
 - ❖ Who do you more closely align with? How do you use the power and influence that you've been given?
- **Oftentimes, when someone is overlooked or pushed aside, they find unhealthy ways to make themselves seen.**
 - ❖ How might Zacchaeus' background have influenced his choice of occupation?
 - ❖ Read [Luke 19.5](#) again. How did Jesus approach Zacchaeus? What does this reveal about Jesus' heart?
 - ❖ Despite what Jesus sees, He wants to be with you anyway. How does this truth impact you?
- **Jesus pursues Zacchaeus and Zacchaeus responds by welcoming Him gladly.**
 - ❖ Read [Luke 19.5-6](#) again. How does Jesus leave space for Zacchaeus' choice of response?
 - ❖ How do you respond to Jesus seeing you and expressing His desire to be with you?
- **Jesus is always at work.**
 - ❖ Where is God working in Luke 19.1-10? How might that work be unexpected for the people in this story?
 - ❖ In what area of your life or situation do you need to be reminded that Jesus is always at work? Take a moment to talk to Jesus about that, perhaps acknowledging frustration, expressing gratefulness, etc.
- **Jesus' work is deeply personal.**
 - ❖ Jesus called Zacchaeus by name (Luke 19.5), not only seeing him but also valuing him.
 - ❖ How have you experienced Jesus' personal interaction with you? How do you desire to experience this?
- **The work Jesus did in Zacchaeus caused him to live differently.**
 - ❖ Read [Luke 19.8](#) again. What do you notice about Zacchaeus' response and actions?
 - ❖ What work Jesus is doing in you? How might Jesus be inviting you to open your heart, change the script you are telling yourself, etc.? In what ways can you cooperate with Jesus in His work in you? How might Jesus' work in you cause you to live differently?
- How did Jesus honor the image of God in Zacchaeus? How did Zacchaeus honor the image of God in others? What might God be inviting you into as you consider these questions?