

The Seeking of Jesus

Luke 19:1-10

- I. Jesus seeks lost people who...
 - a. no one expects to be found.
 - b. have created losses for themselves.
 - c. are blocked by the religious.

- II. Jesus seeks lost people by...
 - a. coming into their world.
 - b. coming into their house.
 - c. knowing their story.

- III. You know you have been found by Jesus when you are...
 - a. generous apart from guilt or external pressure.
 - b. humble in knowing you are no longer lost.

GETTING STARTED: Tell about a time you got lost as a child? Where were you? For how long were you lost for? Who found you?

DIGGING IN: Why does Jesus want to eat with Zaccheus? Why does this bother people? Read Lk 3:1-13; 5:27-32; 7:29-30; 15:1-32; 18:9-17. What do these stories in Luke reveal about the Pharisees' attitude toward tax collectors? What do they reveal about how tax collectors responded to God? What do they reveal about Jesus' attitude toward tax collectors and "sinners" in general? On what basis does Jesus acknowledge and confirm Zaccheus' salvation? What do these verses (Jn 1:12; I Jn 5:10-13; Gal 4:6; Eph 3:12) say about confidence in Jesus' saving work?

LIVING IT OUT: Where did Jesus first find you? What clues does your life give that you have been found by Jesus? Or, what in your life suggests that you have not been found? Tell a friend this week about how Jesus found you. This week meditate on Isaiah 53 to gain a better appreciation for what Jesus went through to find you. We will be looking at Isaiah 53 the next three weeks.