

# LG | Leader

[Luke 19:1-10]

## WARM-UP (10 mins)

It is likely that everyone present had a very busy day, maybe even a trying day. Let's take a moment to still our minds and go to the Lord in prayer.

- When you reflect on Sunday's sermon, what impacted you the most? Anything that stirred your affection towards the Lord?
- To begin our gathering on a great note, would anyone be willing to sing the song "Zacchaeus was a wee little man?"

## ILLUMINATE (40 mins)

Open your Bibles to the primary text.

1. When we arrive in Luke 19, what was Jesus up to? Where was he coming from and where was he going?  
Jesus is making his way from Caesarea Philippi and making several stops along the way to head south towards Jerusalem (Luke 9:51), where he would eventually face the cross.
2. How does the Bible describe Zacchaeus? What was his occupation? Was he liked?  
Zacchaeus was a man of short stature. He was the chief tax collector and because of his occupation he was despised by many.
3. What was the role of tax collectors in biblical times? Why were they so hated?  
They represented Roman authority. Because of their Roman affiliation and the fact that they extorted money from the people for their own gain, the people despised them. They represented oppression and greed.
4. Someone briefly tell the story of Zacchaeus in Luke 19:1-10. What can we learn from Zach's reaction to Jesus?  
When we encounter Jesus in a real way, we depart changed. For Zacchaeus, the area of his life that needed change the most (his money idol) was surrendered to the Lord.
5. How would you use this text to teach a child or a loved one the lesson of repentance?  
Zacchaeus moved from greed to generosity, from a taker to a giver. Repentance is turning from your sinful direction and heading in the opposite direction, the God honoring direction.

6. What does the Bible prescribe as the remedy to a life riddled with greed?

Give. Surrender the idol of money and begin patterns of generosity.

7. Why do you think Luke included this story in his gospel account?

Luke is giving us a warning, ultimately to save our souls from the thief called money.

## **PRAY**

**Use this time to pray specifically. Pray for the needs of others; locally and abroad.**