

ZACCHAEUS - COMPLETE TRANSFORMATION | ROAD TRIP | JULY 30, 2017

Luke 19:1-10

This story is about complete restoration; seeking and being sought, relationship mending and building, repentance and forgiveness, and rediscovering purpose - our purpose as human beings created in God's image.

Seeking and Being Sought

- Zacchaeus was childlike in his pursuit of seeing Jesus
- If we are looking for Jesus he knows because he is already looking for us
- We cannot be afraid of what others will think of us as we pursue Jesus

Relationship Building and Mending

- Jesus is the first to reach out to us in friendship
- Jesus is willing to come into our messy lives and meet us right where we are at
- Jesus died to save us from our sins and fully restore us unto himself

Repentance and Forgiveness

- Repentance is turning our back on our old life style and going in completely the opposite direction
- Repentance is evidenced by transformation both inward and outward - Zacchaeus obeyed the law by returning 4 x what he had stolen from people
- Jesus responds to our repentance with forgiveness and welcomes us into his family

Rediscovering Purpose

- Through his new found faith Zacchaeus discovered his true purpose
 - Purpose - to love God and love others
 - Zacchaeus gives half his wealth to the poor - money no longer an idol, God is placed back in his rightful place and he is generous to those less fortunate
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Are you continuing to seek Jesus with abandon as Zacchaeus did? If not why?
2. Does God have first place in your life or are other things getting in the way? What might they be?
3. Is there something you need to fully turn your back on and walk away from?
4. In what ways do you see yourself fulfilling your God given purpose?