

# FISHING

Group Guide:  
Week 3

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## CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- If you could change professions right now, what would you do?
- Were you able to serve someone from your list last week? How did it go?
- Discipleship Check-In

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## INTRODUCTION

Most of us can think of one or two people in our own lives who we have a hard time loving or being patient with. Today, we will be introduced to a man named Zaccheus who the Israelites would've considered harder to love, but we might be surprised by the way Jesus chooses to interact with him. He doesn't avoid him or pretend he doesn't exist, but intentionally pursues him. For Zaccheus this leads to life change. Let's pray that the Spirit would reveal to us more of Jesus' character and what it means for how we can love people in our own lives.

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## OBSERVE EXAMINE THE TEXT FOR YOURSELF

READ: Luke 19:1-10

DISCUSS:

- What clues does the passage give you that Jesus interacting with Zaccheus is surprising?
- What can you infer from the passage about Jews' thoughts about tax collectors?

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## INTERPRET WHAT DO YOU THINK THE AUTHOR IS SAYING

DISCUSS:

- Zaccheus meets Jesus and then vows to give most of his possessions away. What do you think made him do this?
- What does the difference between Jesus' interaction with Zaccheus and the Jews' thoughts about Zaccheus reveal about Jesus' character?

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## APPLY HOW DOES WHAT THE AUTHOR IS SAYING APPLY TO YOUR LIFE

### DISCUSS:

- For Jesus, interacting with people who the world deems unlovable or despised is a normal part of his ministry. Being made into a fisher of men means loving those who the world rejects. Is it easy for you to love those people in your life who are difficult or hard to get along with? If it isn't what do you think makes it hard?
  - **\*\*It might be important to mention that people don't talk about specific people. We don't want this to turn into gossip or to dishonor people.**
- The beauty of the gospel is that we are all like Zaccheus, someone who is unworthy of love because of our own sin. Yet Jesus loves us to the point of being willing to die in our place. How does seeing yourself like Zaccheus increase the beauty of the gospel in your own life?
- Think back to the 3 people who you prayed for at the beginning of this series. For this next week let's reach out to one of them and invite them to coffee, a drink, or a meal.

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## PRAY

Praise the Father who sent Jesus to reveal his heart to us. Praise Jesus who loves people like Zaccheus and us. Praise the Spirit who sanctifies us daily to see people as Jesus does. Pray that by the power of the Spirit we would love the "Zaccheuses" in our lives.

### **Discipleship Check-In**

- Have you prayed and read your Bible consistently the past week?
- Who is someone you're praying to share Jesus with this week, and what's one way you can love them well?