

Week 3:

Your Friends Need a Tree



Questions

1. What illustration, story or example stood out to you this week?
2. Read Luke 19:1-10. What do you learn about Jesus and the heart of God from this passage? What do you learn about mankind?
3. Pastor Ron directs us to assume Jesus' love for someone is even greater than yours. Do you believe that to be true? How does that affect how you might treat others?
4. What are some of the things that stand between your friends and a relationship with Jesus? How can you help them overcome those barriers?
5. Pastor Ron says to "be the tree your friends need" (below). Which of these three characteristics can you improve upon the most? Which of them brings you the most comfort from friends in your life?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9. How have you planted and watered the seeds of the Gospel in other people's lives? How has God used your planting and watering to help others grow?
7. Who is someone in your life that needs Jesus? As a group, pray for those people right now. Pray that God would draw them to Himself and pray that He would use you to reach them.

Scripture References

Luke 19:1-5, 9-10; Jeremiah 17:7-8; 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

Takeaways

- We must develop understanding for those who may have a crowd of things between them and Jesus.
- Assume Jesus' love for someone is even greater than yours.
- Be the tree your friends need.
 - Lay deep roots where you're planted.
 - Offer the fruit you have.
 - Invite them to a different vantage point.
- Listen for 3 'nots'
 - "Things are NOT going well."
 - "I was NOT prepared for this."
 - "I am NOT from here."
- It's God's job to make things grow. It's our job to plant seeds and water.

Text PRAY to 65293 to have a team of people pray for your friend this week.