

Why Did Jesus Come?

Discussion Guide November 18, 2018 Luke 19:1-10

Questions for Study

** Before you begin, please read Luke 19:1-10 as a group.

- 1. Share about how you first became interested in Jesus. Why did you become interested? How did your interest express itself?
- 2. In addition to any of the personal stories you just shared, what are some other reasons people may become interested in Jesus? Work as a group to identify at least 3-4 other reasons.
- 3. From Luke 19:1-10, how do we see that Zacchaeus is interested in Jesus? How does this interest express itself?
- 4. Now think about life today. Do you think there are ways to discern when people are starting to take steps of spiritual interest? Explain your answer.
- 5. When you see people showing any initial interest in Jesus, what next steps should you take from there? List a number of possible steps you could take.
- 6. What steps did Jesus take when He encounters Zacchaeus? What lessons can you learn from this?
- 7. Read Luke 19:10. Not only is Zacchaeus seeking Jesus in this story in Luke 19:10 we learn that Jesus is seeking Zacchaeus. How does this truth encourage you to continue investing in others and looking for ways to share the gospel with them?
- 8. How does Luke 19:10 provide focus to the mission we're on as Jesus' followers?
- 9. What dangers can take place if we neglect the message of Luke 19:10?
- 10. What does it look like to live in light of Luke 19:10 yourself? How can you practically apply the message of what Jesus says here?
- 11. Is there anyone in your life who is showing any initial steps of spiritual interest? How can you take the next step?
- 12. This sermon helped culminate Brookside's 3-year "For the City" initiative. As you reflect back on the last 3 years, what has stood out to you most positively about this initiative?
- 13. How has this "For the City" initiative shaped the way you think about God's heart for our city?
- 14. As your group closes in prayer, we encourage you to thank God for how He's worked during this "For the City" initiative, and pray that we would continue to be a church that influences our city in Christ-honoring, life-changing ways.
- 15. Challenge: Memorize Luke 19:10: "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."