

1. **Read Luke 19:1-10** ... for context, background, location & setting.

- What is the context → what has happened so far? (**Luke 18:31-43**)

- What is the location? Who are all the characters in the story?

- Describe **Zacchaeus**....

2. **Why** do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus? What possibly was going on in his life?

- Zacchaeus climbs a sycamore tree.....what does that say about him?

3. What went through Zacchaeus mind and emotions when Jesus called him down from the tree?

- **Why** the reaction by the crowd to Jesus' invitation to Zacchaeus?

- **Why** were they angry **with** Jesus?

4. Zacchaeus *without* a word from Jesus repents of his sin, greed and corruption. How does his reaction speak to our perspective and attitude toward lost people and what Jesus can do?

5. This encounter with Jesus is a divine crossroads for Zacchaeus.....one he would remember and tell the rest of his life. *When was the divine crossroads in your life?*

6. Read Luke 19:11-17

- In **Luke 19:11** - "the people thought that the kingdom of God was going to appear at once." Their expectations were wrong. What are some false expectations in today's culture about the Lord and how He operates?

7. The 10 servants were each given a mina to invest (put to work) The master was putting his trust in them to accomplish this task. What does this say about the master?

- The master returns and calls his servants "in order to find out what they had gained with it" (the mina) He incredibly blesses the first 2 servants. What is the truth Jesus is teaching to His disciples here?

- The third servant did **nothing** with his mina. He gave several excuses and accusations. What was wrong with his perspective?

- What were the false things he believed about his master?

- What are some false things that we can believe when God gives us direction or a command?

8. The parable is about investments and its foundation was how Zacchaeus had lived his life before the divine crossroads and then afterwards. What is your reaction or thoughts about these 4 key investments?

- ▶ Invest in your relationship with the Lord.
- ▶ Invest in the Kingdom.
- ▶ Invest in something that will live beyond you.
- ▶ Invest in lost people.....