

WEEK 50:

WEE WICKED ZACCHAEUS

PRIMARY SCRIPTURE:

Luke 19:1-10

RELATED SCRIPTURES:

Leviticus 6:2-5, Ezekiel 34 (especially 4, 6 and 11-16), Luke 15, Luke 18:9-14, Titus 2:11-12

“He that has learned to feel his sins, and to trust Christ as a Saviour, has learned the two hardest and greatest lessons in Christianity.”

- J.I. Packer

LIFEGROUP DISCUSSION:

Read Luke 19:1-4. What does the text tell us about Zacchaeus? What would you guess he is like based on the details we are given? How do you recognize spiritual interest and areas of idolatry in people’s lives when you’re building relationship with them?

Zacchaeus is enslaved to money and power: He’s sold out his family, friends and community in the search of both. When you’re making decisions what factors hold the most weight? What is so important in your life that you’re willing to make sinful decisions to get it?

Read Luke 19:5-7. What are the implications of Jesus choice to be the guest of Zacchaeus; eating meals with him and staying at his house? Why do the people of Jericho grumble about Jesus’ choice? How do you respond when Jesus interacts with immoral, shady folks?

Read Luke 19:8-10, Titus 2:11-12 and Leviticus 6:2-5. When you hear the word “obedience” what is your immediate reaction? Why so? How are real repentance and grace motivated obedience different than behavior modification?

Where is Jesus’ grace calling you to radical obedience and generosity? Are you obeying or resisting?