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Jesus loves Relos/Disconnected: Luke 19:1-9

Sermon Discussion Questions

Do you remember when you moved here to the Lake Norman Area? Have each person in the group share about their move. When and why did you move here? Try to remember what the first 6 months was like and share about it.

Print out these 2 articles and spend time as a group reading about your culture:

Huntersville was rated by Forbes Magazine last summer as "The #2 Best Place in America to Relocate To," or "#2 Relo-Ville in America." You can read this article here: <http://www.forbes.com/2009/07/07/relocate-relocation-cities-lifestyle-real-estate-affordable-moving.html>

To read an extended profound treatment of the psychology of relo-villes, read this excerpt from a full-length book on the subject: <http://us.macmillan.com/BookCustomPage.aspx?isbn=9780805083088#Excerpt>

What things stood out to you in these articles? What rings true to you?

Good Bible study is being able to know your culture and then know God's word and how it speaks into your culture.

Read Luke 19:1-9

What was the reason Mike shared this morning for Zaccheus being on the "outside" of the crowd as a tax collector? (think about the Roman government)

Jesus said that Zaccheus was lost. In what ways was Zaccheus lost? How would he be similar to those in our area?

This morning, Mike made this comment:

"Zaccheus made money skillfully according to the way capital was organized in his day. He climbed the ladder at the expense of connection to faith, family and friends. He traded connection for success."

In what ways are you tempted to live disconnected from your faith, family and friends for the sake of success?

What did it take (or what do you think it will take) for you to feel connected here in LKN?

How did Jesus connect with Zaccheus? What did he do?

If you are doing this study as a group, then you have already invited yourself into each others lives. What has this group meant to you? Share with the group what you hope this group will mean to you in the future? In other words, how do you need people in this group to invite themselves into your home?

Connection is 2 sided.

Side 1: Jesus took steps to invite himself into Zaccheus' life. So inviting yourself into another's life is one side of connection.

Side 2: Zaccheus welcomed Jesus' invitation.

For those that have welcomed Jesus' invitation into our lives, we have a response to this invitation beyond just a welcoming.

Zaccheus responded further by sacrificially giving to Jesus by reconnecting to his community.

To break out of our “relo-ville” culture, we need to give ourselves sacrificially to connection. In what ways do you need to continue to “connect” and to help others “connect”?

Spend time as a group letting the Lord know that you have welcomed him and that you are intending to create space for others to connect and continue to connect in new ways. Ask him to open those doors and enable you to step into them fully.