



Winter Quarter - Week 3 Community Group Leader Lesson Plan (Abbotsford)

Jan 29 - Feb 4, 2017

Open in Prayer

Weekend Sermon Discussion:

What stuck out to you as you listened to the sermon?

What were the main points of the sermon this past weekend?

Title of Sermon: A Money Story: The Wee Little Man

Passage: Luke 19:1-10 (NIV)

1. Read Luke 18:9-14
 - a. What did you notice were the differences between the pharisee and the tax collector?
2. Read Luke 18:18-30 - *A Pharisee Story*
 - a. What was the rich ruler's error?
 - b. Does Jesus want us to give everything away to the poor? Why or why not?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10 - *A Tax Collector Story*
 - a. How would the culture at large have viewed Zacchaeus? What are some contemporary equivalents?
 - b. Is it surprising to you that Jesus stops and invites himself to Zacchaeus' home? Why or why not?
4. When you compare the story of Zacchaeus to the rich ruler, what similarities and differences do you find?
 - a. What does repentance look like in the story of Zacchaeus? What doesn't it look like in the story of the rich ruler?
 - b. How does your answer to question 2b change in light of Zacchaeus giving only half his possessions away? Does it? Why or why not?
5. The Main Point: **The radical generosity of Jesus should make us radically generous.**
 - a. Would you describe the Christian church as radically generous? Why or why not?
 - b. Do you know radically generous people? Can you give examples of how they have been radically generous?
 - c. Is radical generosity something only rich people can do?
 - d. How can we become more generous? There were 3 suggestions in the sermon...
 - i. Recognize that your stuff isn't yours but God's.
 - ii. Recognize that your excess is an opportunity to bless, not hoard.
 - iii. Commit to act, not just talk.
 - e. Which of these three do you find most helpful? What would you add to the list?



Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group?
Pray for each other along with other requests.

Benediction - Philippians 4:19-20 NIV

"And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen."