

THE POINT OF IMPACT

WEEK 4

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a small group or Bible class.

He just wanted to see the Master. He never expected to have lunch with him. And Jesus offered what he expected even less—salvation. It changed his life, starting with the way he decided to use his money to change the lives of others.

1 Read **Luke 19:1-10**. In this passage, Jesus encountered a man who didn't "measure up." As a tax collector what were some of the key shortcomings Zacchaeus must have dealt with on a daily basis? Are there times in your life when you feel like you don't "measure up?" How do you deal with these shortcomings?

2 In **Luke 19:5-6**, Zacchaeus climbs up a tree to see Jesus. What compelled him to "go out on a limb"? Was this simply a "fleeting curiosity" or does this reveal a "deeper longing" in his soul?

3 In this story Zacchaeus didn't really find Jesus; Jesus found him. Why is that significant? How do you think Zacchaeus must have felt when Jesus called him by name? On the other hand how did all the other people respond to this situation? Why?

4 What does this story show us about everyone's need for Jesus? Why do we often deny "our shortness" by comparing ourselves to other people? Why does that fall short (**Romans 3:23**)?

5 When the good news of God's grace collides with our shortcomings the impact creates a new person (**Romans 6:4** and **2 Corinthians 5:17**). Jesus helps us find our identity in his gospel instead of someone else's label. How has this been true in your life? Are you living out your new future or are you still defined by your past?

6 The impact of the gospel creates a new person...with a new passion. The gospel is both forgiveness and formation. How was this demonstrated in the life of Zacchaeus (**Luke 19:8**)? One sure evidence of the "new you" is the transformation from a "taker" to a "giver." How has that been true in your life? On the other hand, in what ways are you sometimes still "short-sighted?"

7 Read **Luke 19:9-10**. Saved people want to partner with God in His work of renewal. What are some ways you've recently partnered with God to impact the world? What else can you do as an individual, a family or a group to help bring renewal?