



When it comes to understanding why Jesus came, we don't have to put words in his mouth. He made a number of very clear statements about the subject. So this series will explore the reasons behind the greatest mission ever.

**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 group.**

**1 Read Luke 19:1-10.** What are some of your first impressions about the encounter Jesus has with Zacchaeus? What stands out to you the most from this story?

**2 THE KING CAME on a search and rescue mission.** Why would most people in Jesus' day have been surprised by the fact that Jesus was looking for someone like Zacchaeus? **Read Luke 2:10-11.** What is significant about the truth that Jesus came not only as King but also as Savior?

**3 People really are lost.** Rick pointed out that "Lost" has become a four-letter word among Christians. Why is that the case? Why are most people unwilling to admit to being lost even though they will often admit to being a sinner? Follow-up discussion: Rick shared 3 reasons why "*We must not lose a theology of lostness.*" First, because "lost is a "Jesus word." Second, "lost" is an accurate word. Third, "lost" is a "love word." **Read Matthew 10:5-6, 15:24, 18:12, Mark 4:38, Luke 15:22-24, and Romans 3:23.** How do these verses amplify the point Rick made about the significance of the word "lost"?

**4 Jesus really is good at finding.** **Read Luke 19:5-6.** This story reminds us that people do not accidentally find God; they providentially find God. How has that been true in your own life (share the story of how Jesus met you)? Follow-up discussion: **Read 1 Timothy 1:15.** What is one thing that encourages you from that verse?

**5 THE KINGDOM COMES... when we embrace the cause.** Rick said, "*There should be a culture of urgency in the church of Jesus Christ.*" What are some of the reasons a church often drifts from the mission of reaching lost people? **Read 2 Corinthians 5:19-20.** In what ways does this passage remind you of our mission and your role in the cause?

**6 THE KINGDOM COMES... where we accept the cost.** The man in Luke 18 went away sad when he realized that finding the King meant losing ownership of his wealth. Zacchaeus, on the other hand, immediately grasped that being found meant finding a new purpose for his wealth. Share some examples of how the kingdom comes with a cost. What is something God might be calling you to do in order to look for more lost people?

**7** Near the end of this message Rick emphasized that he wants "*every member of our church to be instrumental in giving heaven another reason to throw a party.*" With that in mind, he gave us 3 things to do to get started: (1) Ask God to increase your burden for the lost, (2) Look for your Zach, and (3) Pray the Bible over him/her. **Read John 3:16** and then close by praying that we would remain focused on the mission of intentionally partnering with Jesus to find people far from God.

