

Sermon Questions from May 24

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Faith Statement: "We believe God loved humanity despite our rebellious nature, and in His love, He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to rescue humanity from the curse of sickness and death. God became human in Jesus Christ as the full revelation of God to demonstrate His overwhelming love."

Zacchaeus went to great lengths to see Jesus, even climbing a tree. What are the "trees" or obstacles in your life that you have had to overcome to seek a deeper relationship with God?

Climbing trees was considered something undignified for a grown man to do in first century ancient Israel. In a way, Zacchaeus had to leave his pride behind to see Jesus. How can pride be in the way of our relationship with God?

The crowd grumbled because Jesus chose to associate with a "sinner." Why do you think people are often uncomfortable when they see grace extended to those they deem unworthy?

Zacchaeus responded to Jesus by offering half his goods to the poor and making fourfold restitution. What does this suggest about the relationship between genuine repentance and our material possessions?

Jesus declared that "salvation has come to this house" (Luke 19:9). How would you define salvation in the context of this story—is it merely a future hope, or does it have present-day implications for how we live?

Zacchaeus takes Jesus home with him. What does this mean to you? How can you take Jesus home with you?