



# Sunday Recap Guide

## Crowds & Christians

### E — ENCOURAGEMENT

Start by creating space for connection and honesty:

- What was a **high moment** from your week?
- What was a **low moment or challenge** you faced?
- Where did you feel **closest to God** this week?
- Where did you feel **distant or distracted**?

### S — SCRIPTURE

**Primary Text: Luke 19:1–10 (Zacchaeus)**

**Key Insight #1: You can be close to Jesus and still miss Him**

*“He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd.” (Luke 19:3)*

Zacchaeus was surrounded by people who were near Jesus—but proximity didn’t equal transformation.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What does it look like today to be in the “crowd” but not truly following Jesus?
- Have you ever been around church or faith but not personally engaged?

## **Key Insight #2: The crowd must be called into commitment**

*“Zacchaeus!... come down! I must be a guest in your home today.”* (Luke 19:5)

Jesus didn't just pass by—He **called Zacchaeus personally**. Salvation always begins with a **personal response**.

Cross Reference: Matthew 28:19-20

Jesus calls us not just to believe—but to **become disciples**.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- When did your faith become personal—not just something you were around?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus calls people by name?

## **Key Insight #3: Pursuit matters more than perception**

Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a tree—he didn't let pride stop him.

People miss Jesus when their image matters more than their need.

### **Discussion Questions:**

- What are some things that can hold people back from fully pursuing Jesus? (pride, fear, image, comfort)
- Where might God be asking you to step out of the crowd and pursue Him more boldly?

## **Key Insight #4: Jesus was already pursuing Zacchaeus**

*“He looked up... and called him by name.”*

While Zacchaeus was seeking Jesus, **Jesus was already seeking him**.

### **Truth:**

Zacchaeus climbed a tree... but Jesus would climb a cross.

Cross Reference: Luke 19:10

- “The Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.”

**Discussion Questions:**

- How have you seen God pursuing you in your life?
- Why is it important to remember that salvation starts with Jesus, not us?

**Key Insight #5: Salvation produces transformation**

*“I will give half my wealth... and repay four times...”* (Luke 19:8)

Zacchaeus didn’t just believe—his life changed.

When there’s salvation, there’s transformation.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What are some signs of real life change after following Jesus?
- How has your life shifted since saying yes to Him?

**Key Insight #6: Discipleship requires closeness**

*“I must be a guest in your home today.”*

Jesus didn’t want distance—He wanted **relationship**.

**Truth:**

Discipleship doesn’t work from a distance.

**Discussion Questions:**

- What does it look like to walk closely with Jesus in your daily life?
- What rhythms help you stay connected to Him?

**P — PRAYER**

Take intentional time to pray as a group:

## 1. Share Requests

- Go around and let each person share a prayer need
- Encourage honesty and vulnerability

## 2. Prayer Prompts

- Pray for those who feel stuck in the “crowd” to take a step toward Jesus
- Pray for boldness to pursue Jesus without fear or pride
- Pray for real transformation—not just surface-level faith
- Pray for people in your life who need to know Jesus

## 3. Pray Over One Another

- Break into pairs or small groups
- Speak life, encouragement, and truth over each other
- Invite the Holy Spirit to move personally in each life

# N — NEXT STEPS

## Personal Next Steps

- Identify: *Am I in the crowd or fully following Jesus?*
- Take one bold step this week to pursue Jesus (time in Word, prayer, obedience)
- Let go of anything holding you back (fear, pride, comfort)
- Ask: *Where does my life need to reflect transformation?*

## Church Next Steps

- If you said yes to Jesus → **Get registered for Starting Point**
- Take your next step in obedience → **Sign up for Baptism**
- Step into purpose → **Explore serving on a team**