



## "Paint Swatches"

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### REVISIT

What do you think that Zacchaeus was like before he encountered Jesus?

### RESPONSE

What did Jesus do right?

**Luke 19:5** "When Jesus came to the place, He looked up..."

"I \_\_\_\_\_ you."

"I'm \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**"I used to want to fix people. Now, I just want to be with them." - Bob Goff**

**Luke 19:6** "Zacchaeus hurried and came down, and received Jesus gladly."

"Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ you."

**Ephesians 4:32** "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

## Small Group Discussion Questions

### Ice Breaker

Other than family, with whom do you have the longest ongoing relationship in your life?

### Opening Question

What stood out to you from the weekend message? Was there a scripture, principle or action step that has stuck with you?

### Scripture

#### Read Luke 19:1-10

Since only the tax collectors knew the rate required by Rome, they could inflate the rate and keep the difference. Though a Jew, Zacchaeus would have been hated as a traitor who got rich at his people's expense. For Jesus to go to his house was improper in the eyes of their fellow Jews.

If you had been Zacchaeus when Jesus stopped under his tree and told him to come down immediately, how would you have felt? Beyond showing love to Zacchaeus, what was Jesus saying to those watching through his actions?

Steve said we go through this process in our faith in relation to Jesus: Unconcerned → Curious → Convinced → Contagious. Discuss how Zacchaeus followed this pattern in his life. Talk about how you have gone or are going through this process in your life. What did Jesus do with and for Zacchaeus?

- I see you (Acknowledged him)
- I'm with you (Put him at ease)
- Jesus saved him (seek and save the lost)

What are ways we can incorporate this pattern into our relationships and with the people we encounter daily?

#### Read 1 John 5:13

With how much assurance can you say you know you have eternal life?

#### Read Romans 8:1

Restate/rephrase this verse in your own words as if you were talking to a friend

### Application

How will you apply this message to your life this week?