



PART 1: TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST

Sermon Notes

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Intro:

“As the hound follows the hare, never ceasing in its running, ever drawing nearer in the chase, with unhurrying and unperturbed pace, so does God follow the fleeing soul by His Divine grace. And though in sin or in human love, away from God it seeks to hide itself, Divine grace follows after, unwearyingly follows ever after, till the soul feels its pressure forcing it to turn to Him alone in that never ending pursuit.”
~John Francis Xavier O’Conor

Psalm 23:6

Advent = Arrival

Matthew 1:21-23

Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10)

The irony of Zacchaeus was that his name meant “pure”

Jesus has never been afraid to associate with scoundrels

The Generosity of Jesus’ grace generates a response of generosity

“In having nothing of my own; nothing but his love. I found everything I had lacked. I was finally complete. Finally at rest in him” ~Hound of heaven

God with us means God’s generosity through us.

Conclusion:

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Luke 18 - Jesus said it was humanly impossible for a rich man to enter heaven, but with God all things are possible.

“He required nothing. Nothing but acceptance” ~Hound of Heaven

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Are you more like Buddy the Elf or Ebenezer Scrooge when it comes to Christmas? What do you look forward to during the Christmas season?
2. What did you think of the monologue on Sunday?

Study & Discussion:

1. Generosity is one of the most practical outworkings of the gospel in our lives. Why is that? Why was Zacchaeus' first response to give back the money he had taken? Why 4x as much instead of just repayment?
 - Read 2 Corinthians 8:9, 9:11; 1 Timothy 6:17-29; 1 John 3:16-17. What do these passage say about the gospel? How do they connect the gospel to generosity?
2. Jesus called Zacchaeus a son of Abraham. Everyone who follows Jesus is engrafted into that identity with him. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What do we have in common with Abraham? Does his calling reflect our own? Can you think of other passages in the Bible that speak about our identity in Christ?

Application:

1. It is easy to think it would be impossible for certain people in our lives to accept Jesus, but the people of Jericho thought that about Zacchaeus. Who in your life can you keep praying and believing for? Who could you invite to one of our Christmas Eve services?

Prayer:

Requests

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