

MESSAGE NOTES

My52: IDENTITY CRISIS: Finding Who I Am Through the Eyes of Jesus
Chapter 7: Did Jesus Have a Life Purpose?

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Luke 15:1-2

Luke 19:1-7

1 Corinthians 5:9-10

"What often keeps people from Jesus is not Jesus' _____ of them but Christians' _____ about them." – Mark Moore

Luke 19:8-10

How can you be a "friend of sinners?"

- 1) Share an _____.
- 2) Share a _____.
- 3) Share a _____.

If you're not close to _____ who are far from God ... you're not as _____ to God as you think you are.

Barriers for us:

- 1) If you don't remember how _____ you once were.
- 2) If you no longer have any _____ with those who don't know Jesus.

What does God want me to do about this?

- Identify _____ Zacchaeus.
- 1 Corinthians 9:22b
- Identify if _____ are Zacchaeus.

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of February 15, 2026

OPENING DISCUSSION | Let's Get the Discussion Started

- 1) Who is someone that you would go out of your way to see and meet in person? What's the most intentional thing you've ever done to see or meet someone?
- 2) Considering the current culture we live in, what do you think most people would say is the purpose of their life?

What would you say your life purpose is, and do you think people can tell your life purpose by watching you?

BIBLICAL REFLECTION | What Does God Say About This?

- 1) Read Luke 19:1-10. Imagine yourself in the story as someone who had been cheated by Zacchaeus. What would you be thinking at that moment when you see Jesus stop to talk with him?
- 2) Read Luke 19:1-10 again. Now imagine yourself as Zacchaeus. What thoughts are going through your head when Jesus tells you to come down?
- 3) Explain the progression of "belong, believe, behave" outlined on page 44 (Quest 52, 2nd paragraph)? How do you see that play out with Zacchaeus?

How can you embody that attitude towards those far from Jesus who are around you?

- 4) Read 2 Timothy 1:7-8. What are some fears you face when it comes to sharing Jesus with others?

Why do you think we're so uncomfortable with people who are different from us?

- 5) Read 1 Peter 3:15-16. Would you consider yourself "always ready" to share why you believe in Jesus? Why or why not?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION | Walking It Out

- 1) In this week's message, Pastor Rusty asked us to identify our Zacchaeus. Who is the person in your life that God wants you to help influence to follow Jesus? Spend some time in prayer asking God to reveal that person to you, and then share with the group if you feel comfortable.
- 2) Take the Challenge: When will you next be hosting a party? It could be a birthday, graduation, wedding, or anniversary. Find someone outside your Christian circle of friends and invite that person to the party specifically to introduce him or her to other Christ followers. The purpose is the same as Zacchaeus's party – to make Jesus famous.