

More Than a Feeling

Part 1: Jesus & Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Launch

If you had a free trip to any destination in the world, where would you go?

Explore

Read the passage

Why was Zacchaeus so hated by the locals?

The rabbis in Jericho had excommunicated Zacchaeus from the local synagogue. What would this have done to his relationships and social standing?

How did Jesus show love to Zacchaeus?

In what ways was Zacchaeus changed by the love of Jesus?

Apply

“Jesus pursues those we despise.” Who are groups of people that Christians tend to despise? Why is this the case?

Jesus calls us to love “hated” people by overlooking their sin, stepping into their world, risking your reputation, giving your time, believing God has a plan for them, and expecting God to seek them. Think of a person in your life who is difficult to love. Which of these categories is the most hard for you?

What is one step you can take this week to show love and grace to a person who is hard to love?

Pray

Pray by name for people in your life that you despise, that God would supernaturally love them through you.