



## BECOME LIKE A CHILD

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Luke 19:1 – 10

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### MESSAGE NOTES

*The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity. — Albert Einstein*

*Being curious is admitting that you don't know, but also that you want to know ... that people you don't know are worth knowing, that they have something to teach you. That learning about them — that encountering new ideas — doesn't threaten you, it enriches you ... That you approach the world as a trove of things to take in, rather than things you frantically, fearfully wall out. — Celeste Ng*

*Both the child and the cynic walk through the valley of the shadow of death. The cynic focuses on the darkness; the child focuses on the Shepherd ... The secret to seeing God behind all things is to become a child again. — Paul E. Miller*

#### Main Points:

1. Kingdom people are curious.
2. Kingdom people take risks.
3. Kingdom people display extravagant love.

#### Practical Implications:

1. Keep climbing
2. Say yes
3. Let go

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- What was something you recall from ENCOUNTER this past weekend?
- Have someone read Luke 19:1 – 10
- What descriptors do you notice about Zacchaeus in the story?
- Zacchaeus had a bad reputation in his community. How do you think he would have felt about being seen in the crowd that day?
- Zacchaeus was curious about seeing who Jesus was. What's something that you've been curious about recently?
- Notice in verse 5 how Jesus extends an invitation to Zacchaeus. What strikes you about the way that Jesus called out to Zacchaeus?
- Zacchaeus positions himself to encounter Jesus from afar, but Jesus initiates the conversation which allows for Zacchaeus to be transformed by the love of Jesus. How do you position yourself to receive the love of Jesus?
- Have someone read Luke 19:7. Consider the muttering crowd. Do you identify more with Zacchaeus (feeling judged by the crowd) or with the crowd (judging others for their actions)?
- What do you observe in Zacchaeus's response in verse 8? What do you think led Zacchaeus to respond with such extravagance?
- What's significant about Jesus calling Zacchaeus a "son of Abraham?" Why do you think Jesus uses this familial language when he speaks to Zacchaeus?
- As you think about being curious, taking risks, and displaying extravagant love, which one of those do you want to grow in during this season?
- Is there anything else that you sense the Holy Spirit revealing to you through this story?