

Life Group Guide Luke 19:10 “Personal Evaluation”
For the Sermon Preached on Sun Jan 7 & For Use in Life Groups through Sun Jan 14

Icebreaker Question

When you were young, who was the worst person you faced at school or in the neighborhood?

Pastor Richard’s Sermon Outline

- I. The Current Condition of the Lost (John 3:18, 3:36; Gal. 3:10).**
 - a. Without Christ the lost are “condemned” already (John 3:18).
 - b. Without Christ the lost are under “the wrath of God” (John 3:36).
 - c. Without Christ the lost are enslaved by sin (John 8:34).
 - i. The human condition without Christ is lost.
 - We have all wandered astray (Isa. 53:6).
 - We are spiritually blind (2 Cor. 4:4).
 - We deceive ourselves about our lostness (1 John 1:8).
 - We stand guilty before God, the righteous Judge (Rom. 5:12, 18).
 - We are morally ruined (Rom. 7:18).
 - We are dying physically and dead spiritually (1 Pet. 1:24, Eph. 2:1).
 - ii. In our natural human condition, we do not seek God (Rom. 3:10–11).
- II. Why Are People Lost (Jer. 17:9; Ps. 14:1-3; Rom. 3:10-12; Jam. 4:17)**
 - a. People are lost because of self-deception (Jer. 17:9).
 - b. People are lost because of what they choose to do (Psalm 14:1-3; Rom. 3:10-12).
 - c. People are lost because of what they choose not to do (Jam. 4:17).
- III. Faith in Jesus Christ is the Only Way to Eternal Life (John 3:14-19; 14:6; Eph. 2:8-9).**
 - a. Faith in Jesus Christ is the only path to heaven (John 3:16; 14:6).
 - b. Salvation is a free gift that cannot be earned or deserved (Eph. 2:8-9).

Luk 19:1–10

Read Luk 19:1–10: Observation:

1. In 19:1–2, what was the chief tax collector’s name? How was he described?
2. In 19:3–4, what did he want to do? What obstacle did he face? What did he do to overcome it?
3. In 19:5–6, what did Jesus say to this man? How did he respond to Jesus?
4. In 19:7, how did everyone else respond to Jesus receiving Zacchaeus?
5. In 19:8, what did Zacchaeus offer without being prompted? Whom does Zacchaeus address?
6. In 19:9–10, what has come to Zacchaeus on this day? Why has Jesus come?

Interpretation:

7. Why was Zacchaeus more concerned with the others who were present than they were for him? What does that say about him? What does that say about them? What could these others have done to help Zacchaeus? Why did they have such a negative reaction to Zacchaeus and Jesus?
8. Is there any evidence in this text that those near Jesus were His genuine followers? Is there any evidence in this text that Zacchaeus became a genuine follower of Jesus? Why did salvation come to him on that day rather than to everyone else present with Jesus on that day? Should such evidence be a part of our lives too?

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9. What is the difference between being near Jesus doing what we want and actually following Jesus? How should believers approach or respond to unbelievers who have done evil, even great evil, but may have an interest in Jesus and the gospel?

Application:

10. Are our weekly habits about being near Jesus for what we want, or is our time with Jesus centered on what He wants? What parts of your weekly schedule and life should be changed to draw close to Jesus to seek what He wants?

11. Please memorize Luk 19:10.

Luk 19:11–27

Read Luk 19:11–27: Observation

12. In 19:11, who is listening? What kind of teaching is Jesus about to give? When is He giving it? What is He answering or responding to with this teaching?

13. In 19:12–14, what did the nobleman do? What did he say to his servants? What did his subjects think of him and want?

14. In 19:15–17, what was the first servant’s response to the nobleman? What did the nobleman say to and do for this servant?

15. In 19:18–19, what was the second servant’s response to the nobleman? What did the nobleman say to and do for this servant?

16. In 19:20–25, what was the other (third) servant’s response to the nobleman? What did the nobleman say to and do with this last servant?

17. In 19:26–27, what principle is emphasized in this parable? What does he call his subjects? What does he command for them?

Interpretation

18. Because the subjects of the parable are being compared to the people listening to Jesus, especially to those who did not respond to Jesus and Zacchaeus well, what does this parable teach about Christians who will not partake in God’s work to seek and save the lost? What have these people become who are near Jesus but opposed to His will? What do their actions say about what they genuinely believe about God? What should they do in response?

19. Why is evangelism, sharing the gospel in word and deed, important for every member of the church family? Who is hurt when Christians do not partake in evangelism? What does it say about us when we neglect to evangelize the people God has brought into our lives?

Application

20. Please **prayer walk** through your neighborhood or workplace and ask God to give you eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to love the people who will be in these places.

21. Please list off 5 people whom you see regularly who do not know Jesus. Please begin praying for them by name, and please ask God to give you a chance to listen to them, love them, and share the gospel with them.
