

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What is the highest thing you have ever climbed?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. This week Pastor Jeremy shared how Zacchaeus got a new beginning when he met with Jesus. Read the entire account of Zacchaeus in different versions. Luke 19:1-10. What most sticks out to you in the story? Why?
3. According to Luke 19:6, Zacchaeus had great excitement and joy when Jesus asked to go to his house.
 - a. Why do you think that was?
 - b. Do you feel that way when you hear of Jesus?
4. We don't know what happened between verse 7 and 8 when Jesus met with Zacchaeus at his house, but we do know that Zacchaeus was spending time with Jesus.
 - a. How do you spend time with Jesus?
 - b. How often do you spend time with Jesus?
5. Paul (formerly Saul) was another person radically transformed by Jesus.
 - a. Read Acts 8:1-3 and Acts 9:1-2. What kind of person was Saul?

6. Read Acts 9:3-9.
 - a. Who did Saul meet on the road to Damascus?

 - b. What happened to Saul?

7. According to Acts 9:19-22 how did Jesus transform Saul?

8. The Bible has many accounts of people being transformed by God, both in the Old and New Testaments. Use a study Bible or Google to search for stories of transformation. Share what you find with your group. Do you think God would like to give you a new beginning?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Do you have the passion to come see Jesus like Zacchaeus?

- Jesus' invite to meet with Him is a divine appointment.

- Jesus wants to give you a new beginning.

- God can change YOUR HEART. Do you want him to?