# Encounters with Jesus

## Someone like me 2. Zacchaeus Luke 19:1-10

# Luke

## What does a genuine response look like? (17:11-19:27)

### 9 angles (not everyone does it right):

#### 10 lepers healed, 1 comes back, Persistent widow

#### Pharisee & the tax collector, Jesus and the children

#### Rich young ruler, Christ foretells His death

#### Blind beggar given sight, **Zacchaeus**

#### Parable of 10 minas

# Jesus core ministry

## To lead to God those whom others have given up on

## To call those who need to ‘repent’ (change direction) because they are on the wrong road.

### His mission is to reclaim prodigals (Ch. 15) and justify the humble (18:9-14)

# What is God looking for?

## A change of heart resulting in a change of attitude, values and behaviour

### The people complained

#### Zacchaeus was a ‘sinner’

### But he was not beyond God’s touch

## The change of heart expressed itself outwardly

# God and your money

## Money has a way of telling us we need it

## Faith puts money in its rightful place

### Giving God his share is an act of faith that tells God and us that we are relying on God for salvation to come to our house, and to give us what we need

## Zacchaeus an example of what happens to people’s hearts when salvation comes to the house

### Zacchaeus was saved from himself

# God’s rescue

##  Salvation is not bought

## Salvation is not just for certain types

### When you invite Jesus into your life and He comes in He has a way of lighting it up so that perspectives and priorities are changed

### Watch that space…!

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# Someone like me

## Why should Jesus be interested in NOT rescuing you?

## Why should Jesus NOT be interested in rescuing Zacchaeus?

# The scene

## Where is Jericho (v1) in relation to Galilee and Jerusalem?

### What is significant about its geography and history?

## How does this story correct possible misunderstandings of Luke 18:18-30

# The people we give up on

## What group/type of people are not open to the gospel?

### Why do you think that is?

## Who do you think would be an extremely difficult group of people to tell the good news to?

### Why would it be difficult?

# The change of heart

## To what extent can a person become a Christian and keep their lifestyle, attitudes, values and behaviours?

### What MUST they give up to become a Christian?

# The kingdom of God and salvation

## Throughout the gospel of Luke Jesus speaks about the kingdom of God yet in this story He says ‘Salvation has come to this house’

### To what extent are the kingdom of God and salvation the same?

## How did Zacchaeus demonstrate his new heart?

### What was the significance of the compensation amount Zacchaeus offers?

## Zacchaeus offered only half of his wealth

### Why was this acceptable after the story of the rich young ruler (18:18-30, 22)?

#### Does Jesus have double standards?

# A change of heart

## To what extent does a Christian change of heart alter the way we define ourselves, look at ourselves, examine ourselves and judge ourselves?

### Explain your answers

### To what extent does this happen ‘instantaneously’?

## To what extent does it alter our view of others?