

Living Evangelistically
August 16th, 2015

OBSERVE & REFLECT

(This section is designed to encourage us to reflect on and observe the scripture and weekend sermon.)

READ Luke 19:1-10 , Philippians 2:1-11

- ☀ Read the texts at least twice. Try reading the text from two different translations.
- ☀ What do you observe in the texts? What jumps out at you and grabs your attention? What questions do you have from the texts? Pay attention to any action words or phrases and observe what the implications are.

INVESTIGATE & APPLY

(This section focuses on what the scripture has to say as we dig deeper into the Word. It is oriented to create discussion on the Scripture.)

1. Read Luke 19:1-10. This is a well-known story from Jesus' life. What stands out to you about Zacchaeus' attitude towards Jesus? Although he was curious about Jesus, what might have kept him from approaching Jesus directly? Have you seen these same things keep you and others from approaching Jesus?
2. What stands out to you concerning Jesus' treatment of Zacchaeus? How did Jesus break down all of the barriers that held Zacchaeus captive?
3. What was the crowds' response to this? What is the tragic irony in these statements?
4. How was Zacchaeus' life changed on this day? What changes first, his behavior, or his relationship with God? What does this teach you about how change happens (See Romans 2:4)?
5. What does verse 10 teach us about the pattern of Jesus' life and about his desire for us?
6. Read Philippians 2:1-10. Paul gives a summary of Jesus' life and calls us to follow his example. Summarize the pattern of Jesus', which goes far beyond his time on earth and includes also his mindset towards us throughout eternity. What does it mean for us to "[5] Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus...?"

"If you make disciples, you always get the church. But if you make a church, you rarely get disciples."

-Mike Breen

NEXT STEPS

- Living a life of discipleship begins as we engage the world evangelistically. What does that word "evangelism" mean to you? What feelings does it produce within you?
- Are there some people who are more gifted as evangelists than others? Does that mean that we are not all expected to live evangelistically (See 2 Timothy 4:5)?
- Living evangelistically is typically much more simple than we tend to make it. It begins as we walk through each day asking God to make us aware of the people around us and sensitive to their needs. This week, ask God to help you see opportunities around you and to follow the "3 D's of Evangelism (for more information, read "Just Walk Across the Room" by Bill Hybels):
 - Develop friendships (who can I be a friend to?)
 - Discover stories (do I know who this person is at a deep level?)
 - Discern next steps (how can I help them take the next step in their understanding of God/ the Gospel?)