

## Homes of Matthew and Zacchaeus

Luke 5:27-32; 19:1-10

1. Introduce yourselves to the others at the table. What is the best job or worst job you have ever had? Please share.

2. Our true story tonight involves two men with similar occupations. Read Matthew 9:9 and Luke 19:1-2. Considering their lucrative occupation, what might the home of a tax collector look like?

Tax collectors worked for the Romans and were Jewish men who collected taxes from their fellow Jews. How were they viewed by Pharisees and their fellow Jews in Matthew 9:10-11 and Luke 18:10-11?

What do tax collectors appear to be doing to earn the reputation as “the worst of sinners”? For insight, read John the Baptist’s response to the tax collectors in Luke 3:12-13.

3. Read Luke 5:27-28. Matthew was also called Levi. What two words from Jesus were spoken to Matthew?

Describe Matthew’s response in verse 28.

Why do you think Matthew would leave everything and follow Jesus?

4. Read Luke 5:29-32. Who did Matthew invite to the feast in his home?

Besides sharing a meal, what might be Matthew’s hope for his fellow tax collectors?

5. Read Luke 19:1-10 How would you describe Zacchaeus’ efforts to see Jesus in verses 3-5?

How did Jesus address Zacchaeus and what was Zacchaeus’ response?

6. What actions of Zacchaeus reflect a change in his heart?

What did Jesus mean when He said “Today, salvation has come to this house.”?

7. Matthew and Zacchaeus both recognized their need for Jesus and by faith they were saved. If someone asks you, how would you explain Jesus’ salvation? Read John 3:16 and Ephesians 2:8-9.

8. If you have placed your faith in Jesus, how has knowing Him personally changed you?

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### The Home of Matthew

Luke 5: 27-32

The Pharisees compared themselves to others and considered themselves righteous. The tax collector saw himself in light of who God is and saw his unrighteousness.

Jesus initiated a personal relationship with Matthew with two words “follow me”.

By faith, Matthew responded to Jesus’ invitation with obedience and left everything.

Matthew’s encounter with Jesus changed his life so he invites a large crowd of tax collectors and others to his house so they too could meet Jesus.

The Pharisees’ pride blinded them to their own sin and \_\_\_\_\_ for healing. Jesus told the Pharisees He is here for the sick and to call all sinners to repentance.

### The Home of Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

The rich ruler sadly chooses temporary wealth over following Jesus because his heart was attached to worldly treasures.

Zacchaeus’ actions demonstrate his eagerness to see Jesus.

Jesus initiated a personal relationship with Zacchaeus when he looked up, called his name and said “I must stay at your house”.

Zacchaeus accepted Jesus’ invitation with \_\_\_\_\_!

Zacchaeus shared publicly that Jesus had changed His life. He demonstrated this life change by giving his money to the poor and to those he cheated.

### Our Invitation

Jesus’ invitation is for \_\_\_\_\_! Accept His free gift of salvation by believing in Jesus.

Jesus’ invitation asks you to \_\_\_\_\_ Him. Follow Him by turning away from your old life and walking in obedience to His word.

Jesus’ invitation is for \_\_\_\_\_. Take opportunities to share Jesus’ invitation by pointing others to Him through your words and actions.

***When we accept Jesus’ invitation, we are changed and desire to share the good news with others.***

**Key: need, joy, you, follow, everyone**

**Heart of the Home – Matthew and Zacchaeus**

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**LUKE 18:10-14** “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

**JEREMIAH 17:9-10a** The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind.”

**2 CORINTHIANS 7:10a** For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret.

**LUKE 18:18, 22-25** And a ruler asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” . . . When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” But when he heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich. Jesus, seeing that he had become sad, said, “How difficult it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.”

**JEREMIAH 29:13** “You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.”

**MATTHEW 11:28-29** “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.”

**MATTHEW 6:19-21** “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.