



TFH 25-Year Anniversary Celebration
"400%"
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Proportion is your size and scale in relation to the whole.

[Luke 19:1-11, ESV]

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus,

hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." As they heard these things, he proceeded to tell a parable, because he was near to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was to appear immediately.

We think we have this life because of the trees we've climbed; don't stop "hurrying" and come down from the trees you're climbing to garner God's attention.

When it's about you, it's about you.

[2 Corinthians 3:17-18, MSG]

Whenever, though, they turn to face God as Moses did, God removes the veil and there they are—face-to-face! They suddenly recognize that God is a living, personal presence, not a piece of chiseled stone. And when God is personally present, a living Spirit, that old, constricting legislation is recognized as obsolete. We're free of it! All of us! Nothing between us and God, our faces shining with the brightness of his face. And so we are transfigured much like the Messiah, our lives gradually becoming brighter and more beautiful as God enters our lives and we become like him.

[Hebrews 4:11, TPT]

So then we must be eager to experience this faith-rest life, so that no one falls short by following the same pattern of doubt and unbelief.

FOR MONDAY—

- 1.** Consider the scale of your life, your gifts, and your purpose in relation to God. Ask Jesus to speak to you about any perspective changes you might need.
- 2.** Read Luke 19 again, and then prepare a place for the Lord to come into your own home.

TALK IT THROUGH

- 1.** How are good environments created? What's the balance between intentionality and leaving room or margin for change?
- 2.** How does proportion or stature generally impact your first impression of someone or something?
- 3.** Who has God put in your life to teach you about Him and model His character?
- 4.** How has a loss of proportion to God (in our plan, purpose, and circumstances) produced an excessive amount of strife in today's society? Why do people superimpose our culture on the character of the Divine? How do you gain proportion back?
- 5.** Imagining the story of Zaccheus, who do you see yourself as in the narrative? Why do you think the Bible specifically describes his stature?
- 6.** Why did Jesus stop and tell Zaccheus to "hurry?" When does Jesus want you to "hurry?" For you personally, from what?
- 7.** Why do you think we often want results and God wants relationship? How do our successes and our failures find their appropriate proportions?
- 8.** What is something extravagant or irrational that the Holy Spirit has led you to do after a specific encounter with Him? What was the by-product of obedience?

9. How has the presence of God, and an encounter with Jesus, changed your life?

10. Who are “prodigal sons or daughters” that you are in a “hurry” to see come to God? (Refer to Luke 15 about why the Father was in a “hurry” in that context.)