Zacchaeus

# Luke 19:1-10

1) Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector

* He was both a social and religious outcast by cooperating with the Roman oppressors
* He was rich and successful but wanted more out of life – Psalm 49:16-20
* Mid-life crisis is a good time to find Jesus

2) Zacchaeus could not see Jesus because of the crowd

* Are we in the way of people seeing Jesus?
* People don’t want to see perfection in you, they want to know if your faith helps you through life’s most difficult challenges – Matthew 7:24-27

3) What does it mean to be a friend of sinners?

* You can love people without agreeing with their lifestyle – John 8:10-11
* You can be friends with sinners without sinning with them – 1 Corinthians 15:33
* What does it mean to be “unequally yoked” with unbelievers? Are you influencing them, or are they influencing you? – 1 Corinthians 6:14-18

4) The 3 reasons Jesus came:

1. To seek and to save that which was lost – Luke 19:10
2. To life more abundantly – John 10:10, 8:31-32 (There is more to be had)
3. To destroy the works of the devil – 1 John 3:8, Luke 10:17-20 (We are to partner with Jesus in destroying the works of the devil)

