

We can find our value in something other than God.

Our insecurities can make us feel devalued.

He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was **too short** to see over the crowd. *Luke 19:3*

What happens when our insecurities devalue us?

We overcompensate.

He was the **chief** tax collector in the region, and he had become **very rich**. *Luke 19:2*

Finding our value in anything other than God, does not work.

So he **ran ahead** and **climbed** a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. *Luke 19:4*

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and **called** him by **name**. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” Zacchaeus **quickly** climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great **excitement** and **joy**. *Luke 19:5-6*

He encountered the acceptance of Jesus.

“We weren’t just an idea God hoped would work out someday. We were one of His most creative expressions of love, ever.” – Bob Goff

Jesus defined his value.

Psalm 139:13-14,17-18

What happens when we encounter the acceptance of Jesus?

We can stop striving for value.

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give **half my wealth** to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will **give them back** four times as much!” Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save **those who are lost**.” *Luke 19:8-10*

What have you trusted in for your source of value?

Jesus accepts _____ just as I am.

Group Prep

In preparation for small group, read Luke 19:1-10, then answer the following discussion questions.

Introduction

Zacchaeus is a wee-little man, a wee-little man is he. But he is also the chief tax collector in Jericho! Although small in stature, Zacchaeus made a name for himself among the Jews. He is powerful. He is rich. He is renowned. Although he has it all by the world’s standards, he still struggles with significance. Why? Because we can’t find our value in anything other than the acceptance of Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do people have a hard time talking about their insecurities? Name one insecurity you’ve had to deal with throughout the course of your life? How has it affected you?

2. Read Luke 19:1-10. Zacchaeus has many insecurities – one of which is his stature. With the knowledge you have of Zacchaeus, where would you say Zacchaeus finds his value and why? How can we determine where we find our value?

Finding our value in anything other than God just doesn’t work. Why does finding our value in anything other than God fall short of satisfying our soul?

We often overcompensate in certain areas of our life to find value. Zacchaeus is vulnerable to finding security in money. How would you say you overcompensate in certain areas of your life to find value? How can trusting in something other than God keep us from living out God’s will for our lives?

3. When we encounter the acceptance of Jesus, we stop striving for significance. What kinds of things should we see happen in our lives when we accept Jesus’ acceptance of us? What actions does Zacchaeus take after dinner with Jesus, and why does he take them? Why is taking action significant in our ability to find value in Jesus alone?

4. What actions will you take to overcome your insecurities and begin finding your value in Jesus’ acceptance?

My action step is _____

I will encourage and pray for _____ to follow through, and their action step is _____

My memory verse is _____

This coming week, I’m praying for _____

Outreach: Groups in Action

The Children’s Ministry has a summer opportunity! Keep your group connected over the summer by serving in the children’s area. Connect with Kerry Carmichael at kcarmichael@eclife.org to pick a service time and opportunity your group can support.

Colombia still needs a lot of little toys (balls, happy meal toys, beanie babies, etc). Clean out your closets or hit up the local garage sales. Over 900 kids will be ministered to while our missions team serves there at the end of June. Drop toys off at the Information Desk.