

THE GOSPEL VISUAL

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Gospel Visual: _____

Draw along as your leader teaches the gospel illustration. Use the space below to draw the visual and the notes section to capture anything that stands out to you.

Notes

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FOCUS

- 1. Where do you feel like you are in the gospel illustration right now? Explain.**
- 2. What makes a transformation story so powerful? Think about a home renovation, a weight loss journey, or a comeback story — what is it about those moments that moves people?**

BIBLICAL CONTEXT

The Gospel of Luke is a New Testament account of the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Unlike the other gospel writers, Luke was a physician and a careful historian who interviewed many eyewitnesses to compile an accurate and detailed account of Jesus' life. His gospel is known for highlighting people that society overlooked or rejected — the poor, the sick, women, and outcasts. Zacchaeus was a Jewish tax collector working for the Roman government, which made him a traitor in the eyes of his own people. As chief tax collector, he was not only powerful — he was wealthy, and much of that wealth came from greed and collecting far more than what was required. He was despised, dishonest, and an outsider to his own community. Yet Jesus stopped for him anyway.

STUDY

READ LUKE 19:1-10

- 1. How would you describe Zacchaeus based on what you read? What do you think his life was like before he met Jesus?**
- 2. Why do you think Zacchaeus was so eager to see Jesus — even going as far as climbing a tree?**
- 3. How do the crowd and the religious leaders respond to Jesus choosing Zacchaeus? What does their reaction reveal about how they viewed him?**
- 4. Jesus says He must stay at Zacchaeus' house. He doesn't wait to be invited — He initiates. What does that tell you about how God pursues people?**
- 5. How did Zacchaeus receive Jesus? How does our heart's attitude affect how we will interact and respond to Jesus?**
- 6. How does Zacchaeus respond after encountering Jesus?**
- 7. Zacchaeus doesn't just believe — he acts. What does his response reveal about what genuine faith looks like, and how does it reflect what it means to truly turn from sin and believe in Jesus?**

- 8. What does Jesus say is His mission? How do we see Him rescuing people and bringing them back to God in this passage?**
- 9. In verse 9, Jesus calls Zacchaeus a “son of Abraham” — declaring that he now belongs to God’s family. And in verse 10 He says He came “to seek and save the lost.” What does this tell you about who Jesus is and what He is capable of?**
- 10. What do you think it looked like for Zacchaeus to grow in his faith and go back into his community after this encounter with Jesus? What challenges might he have faced and how do you think he overcame those obstacles?**

APPLY

- 1. Looking back at the gospel visual you drew at the beginning — where do you see the story of this passage reflected in that illustration?**
- 2. Think back to where you said you were in the gospel illustration at the beginning. Where do you want to be — and based on what you read today, what does getting there require of you?**
- 3. Zacchaeus’ encounter with Jesus changed not just his eternity but his everyday life. What is one way you can grow deeper in your relationship with Jesus this week — and one person in your life who needs to hear what you discussed today?**

REFLECT & CONNECT

Zacchaeus didn't find Jesus — Jesus found him. That is the heart of the gospel. No matter where you are in the gospel illustration right now, Jesus is not waiting for you to clean up your life before He pursues you. He stops, looks up, and calls you by name. The question is never whether He wants you — it's whether you're willing to come down from the tree. Zacchaeus' response was immediate and visible — his encounter with Jesus changed how he lived, how he spent his money, and how he treated the people around him. That is what restoration looks like in real life. This week, take one honest step toward where you want to be — and like Zacchaeus, let the people around you see the difference.