

ENCOUNTER: Coming Face-to-Face with Jesus

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Getting Started:

1. What is something (possession) you wanted for a long time and eventually got/bought/were given?
2. How long did it take you to get it?
3. Did you ever have buyers remorse?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read John 19:1-10.
 - a. What do you think Zacchaeus valued?
 - b. What is the significance of Jesus offering to go to his house versus Zacchaeus asking him to?
2. Pastor Ben talked about Zacchaeus trying find his worth in power and money (possessions).
 - a. What are things that people seek to find their worth in?
 - b. What are some things over your life that you have sought your identity in?
3. Jesus approaches Zacchaeus and changes how Zacchaeus sees worth. Now his value is not found in what he does but what is done for him by Jesus.
 - a. What was Zacchaeus' response to receiving grace? (leader note: he willingly gave up the things that used to define him)
 - b. What should be our response to receiving grace?

Taking it home:

1. What is one thing that you have let define you that you need to give up?
2. What one thing will you do this week to find your value in Jesus instead of stuff (money, position, personality, power, influence, family, etc)?