

## GOING DEEPER

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**Title:** Reimagine Summer: Your Story

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**Text:** Luke 19:1-10

### **Discussion Questions:**

Stories have this innate tendency to grab you and evoke all sorts of emotion. Laughter, inspiration, tears and sometimes even anger. The really good stories, especially true ones, take it to another level. They spark our imagination even compelling us to move into action. The story of God's love for us displayed in the life of Jesus, has a different kind of power, can change the course of our lives. And the storytellers? Well, that us. We are God's plan - to share His love, His story with the world.

### **LOOK AT THE WORD**

The words of Jesus in Luke 19:10 are a striking reminder of why telling his story matters so much. Jesus is not looking for church people. He is so glad for the ones who have discovered all that he offers, yet he came for the Zacchaeus's of the world. The ones who have this gnawing inside that something is missing – they just have to see who Jesus is.

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." Luke 19:10*

Knowing Zacchaeus' reputation and history, how might you have responded seeing him engage with Jesus?

In his message, Scott noted the significance of the phrase "When Jesus reached the spot" in verse 5. Can you think of other occurrences in the Bible like that? Where it was an intersection of the right place and right time for an encounter with Jesus.

### **LOOK INWARD**

*During the weekend service, we heard some 60 stories of life change from Chad & Jenny. Take some time to think about your faith journey.*

Talk about the sequence of events leading up to the moment you accepted Jesus as your Saviour. Who introduced you to God?

What kind of false perceptions did you have of God that changed when you encountered His presence?

### **LOOK OUTWARD**

*Spend some time creating your 60-second story, working through the 3 questions below. And here are a few hints as you do it.*

*Keep it simple – no one likes the story that goes on and on and on.*

*Be clear – stories that don't get to the point, don't get to the point*

*Be real – "Christianity" insider language hinders stories. Use words that anyone can understand.*

Think of your story as a timeline:

What you were like before meeting Jesus

What happened when you met Jesus

What your life has been like after meeting Jesus

Talk about some of the people in your life with whom you could share your story and invite to Trinity Online with you.

#### SO WHAT:

*Every chapter in your story matters. The good, the bad and the ugly. Because, as hard as it is to believe, God can use every single word, paragraph and chapter of it. And if you are willing to share it, others will discover God can redeem, and use their story too.*

*Colossians 4:5-6*

*<sup>5</sup> Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.*

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#### NEVER STOP PRAYING

- Giving thanks for an opportunity to rest, renew and restore with a vacation this summer
- For connection and that you would find people to encourage each other, pray together and help each other take your next step in following Jesus
- For Darcy and the team at Helen's Acres as they feed the city
- For a vaccine for COVID-19 and an effective treatment plan for those who are infected
- For our leaders locally, provincially and federally as they deal the challenges to social support, healthcare and fiscal systems because of COVID-19