

January 29, 2017
Luke 19:1-10

TRANSFORMED FROM THE INSIDE OUT

I. Introduction:

4 Ways We Judge Our Worth

By **appearance** – How do I look?

By **achievement** – What have I accomplished?

By **approval**– How well am I liked?

By **affluence**– What do I own?

The greatest changes in our lives take place
when we see ourselves as God sees us.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. [2] A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. [3] He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. [4] So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. Luke 19:1-4

1. NO MATTER HOW INSIGNIFICANT I FEEL,

“When Jesus reached the spot, He looked up...” Luke 19:5

“God never overlooks a single sparrow and He pays even greater attention to you, down to the last detail even numbering the hairs on your head.” Luke 12:6-7 (Msg.)

2. NO MATTER WHAT OTHERS SAY ABOUT ME,

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." Luke 19:5

3. NO MATTER WHAT I'VE DONE,

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." Luke 19:5

All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" Luke 19:7

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND TO JESUS?

"So he came down at once and welcomed Him gladly." Luke 19:6

THE RESULT

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." [9] Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, Luke 19:8-9

POINTS TO PONDER
Week of January 29th to February 3rd
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Open It

1. How has gossip affected you in the past?
2. Why do people pay attention to tabloids?
3. Why do you think people pay attention to gossip and rumors?
4. *Who are the despised and disrespected people in our society today?

Explore It

5. Where did the events of this story take place? (19:1)
6. *How did Luke describe Zacchaeus? (19:2)
7. What problem did Zacchaeus have? (19:3)
8. How did Zacchaeus solve his problem? (19:4)
9. What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus? (19:5)
10. How did Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' request? (19:6)
11. What do Zacchaeus' actions reveal about his character? (19:6, 8)
12. *Why did the crowds begin to mutter and gossip among themselves? (19:7)
13. What reputation did Zacchaeus have in Jericho? (19:7)
14. What changes did Zacchaeus make in his life in response to Jesus' interest in him? (19:8)
15. *How had salvation come to Zacchaeus' house? (19:9)

16. How is the concluding verse of this passage significant?
(19:10)

Get It

17. How does a person's reputation affect our opinion of them?
18. *If we want to share our faith with someone, how much attention should we pay to their status and reputation?
19. What's wrong with gossiping?
20. What responsibility do we have to help people of bad reputation?
21. What do the actions of Zacchaeus reveal about the power of God to change hearts?
22. *How can we guard against the temptation to judge others?

Apply It

23. In what settings will you most need to guard yourself from the temptation to gossip this week?
24. *With what person of bad reputation or low status could you share your company and God's love?