

Message Notes

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Message Title: Intentionally Intentional

Scripture Focus: Luke 19:10

Luke 19:5b-7,9-10 - He looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." ⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. ⁷ All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

Christ-like impact necessitates:

1. A Christ-like _____

John 4:3-5a - When the Lord learned of this, he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee. ⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar...

John 4:7-10 - When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

John 4:35 - "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

2. A Christ-like _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Luke 19:10

1. Before today, was becoming as intentional as Jesus was about witnessing on your "must make progress in" list for 2018?
2. In what ways do you identify with Jesus' intentional connection to Zacchaeus? How have you been like, or unlike, Jesus in how He connected to a person like Zacchaeus?
3. In what ways do you identify with Jesus' intentional conversation with the woman at the well? Have you ever, like Jesus, used day-to-day things to initiate a conversation about spiritual things? Share how this played out in a recent conversation with an unbeliever.
4. Do you believe the fields are ripe for a spiritual harvest? What present conditions suggest this is the case? What would God have you do about it?
5. How have you in the past excused yourself from the work of the harvest (sowing, cultivating, reaping)? What can you do to insure your mindset is like Christ's in the coming year?
6. How do you hope to see your life have greater evangelistic impact in the coming year? For you to turn that good intention into Christ-like action, what do you need to first do?