

Engaging Your Story Luke 19:1-9: Jesus and Zacchaeus

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham."

Because of his personal relationship with Jesus, Zacchaeus' life is transformed.

Three Main Phases of Transformation:

- The time before we encounter life's meaning
 - An experience of meeting the love of God in Jesus Christ
 - Life lived in response to God's love in Jesus Christ
1. Share your story and the name of a person who helped you see how Jesus has made a difference in your life.
 2. Reflect on which church ministries are helping people draw closer to Jesus. How?
 3. Where, how, with whom are you presently sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ?
 4. Spend time thanking God for people who share the Good News of Jesus, asking for God to use you.