



SERMON

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Speaker: Chris Royalty
Sunday: October 3, 2021

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Luke 19:1-10 together as a group.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Why is greed especially hard to see in ourselves?
- 5) How was Zacchaeus regarded in his culture? What/who would be the equivalent in today's society?
- 6) Zacchaeus climbed a tree in order to see Jesus. Why was this action so significant in that culture? What can we learn about Zacchaeus's desire to see Jesus by his willingness to climb the tree?
- 7) Zacchaeus wanted to follow Jesus, and immediately he realised that, if he was to do that, money was an issue. How do Zacchaeus's generous actions give evidence for his understanding of grace?
- 8) What do you notice about Jesus's response in verse 9?
- 9) As Chris pointed out, there is a distinction between deep and surface idols. What is this distinction? Give some examples of both deep and surface idols.
- 10) Read 2 Corinthians 8:9. How do we root out the love of money in our own lives?
- 11) How does living a generous lifestyle demonstrate the gospel to others? In what ways are you challenged to be more generous?
- 12) End your time in prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to help apply to your life what you've been learning and discussing.

* These questions taken or adapted from <https://www.westminsterchapel.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/Study-Guide-to-Counterfeit-Gods1.pdf>