



Look Back

- Group check in...with schools now in session, how does this change your weekly rhythm? Why or why not?
- Last week, we discussed showing hospitality to “the stranger” as well as some ways that this past week we could be intentional about doing just that. How did it go this past week? How did you interact with fear concerning this? Would you change how you engaged strangers going forward?

Look Up

The last people group we going to look at being hospitable to during the “You Belong Here” readings are “the Lost”. For clarification, “the Lost” means those who have not found Jesus yet. They have not changed their allegiance from himself/herself to Jesus and his Kingdom. While this may seem like a politically incorrect way to “label” this group, Scripture is clear about there being those who are outside of the kingdom and those that are in.

So this week, we look at Jesus and his interaction with a man named Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus was a tax collector; a profession notoriously corrupt. Tax collectors traditionally extorted money, daily, from their own people and grew rich doing it. Tax collectors were “lost”. Notably, they were not oppressed - there were the oppressors! This makes Jesus’ interaction with Zacchaeus even more profound.

Read Luke 19:1-10

- What do you learn about God?
- What do you learn about people and yourself?
- What do you find difficult or challenging?

Look Forward

- Who would you associate as the “modern day tax collectors” in our culture?
- How do you define “lost”? (for reference, you might look at the parables in Luke 15)
- Do you, personally, think about and engage lost people in your sphere of influence? How? What can we do this week to be intentional toward lost people that we know or that God put’s in our path?
- How can we, as a small group, engage lost people together? Do you think we could invite lost people into our group to read about Jesus?

Pray together about engaging lost people. Pray that God will lead you toward these people need to know Jesus (and remember, they might not even know that they need Jesus!).