



Sermon Growth Guide

April 13, 2025

“Life Changed”

Luke 19:10

Key Verse: John 4:13-2

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Big Idea: Conversion transforms your entire life.

Foundations

The most remarkable promise of Christianity is that by turning to Christ, one can find an entirely new way of life. New life. The old is gone. The new has come.

Christianity is not about adding some new information or helpful habits to an otherwise relatively successful course of life; it is about moving from death to true life. Jesus did not come to make good people better; He came to make dead people come to life. This is conversion.

Today, we meet Zacchaeus. Zacchaeus wanted to see the parade. He was curious, but he wanted to stay in control.

However, true conversion culminates in statements like “for me, to live is Christ and to die is gain” and “I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me.”

In other words, conversion transforms your entire life.

Happy Palm Sunday! Check in with one another. Pray for one another. Hold one another's lives with grace and truth. Process together, face-to-face, what it means to move through Holy Week within the framework of your abiding relationship with Jesus, who paid it all for you – for you!

Understanding God's Word

Together, read Luke 19:1-10.

In verse seven, Jesus “becomes the guest of a sinner.” Why does Jesus do this? As we become like Jesus, what does it look like for you to “become the guest of a sinner?”

Process the faith-filled and transformative response of Zacchaeus in verse eight. What might we learn about generosity and what happens when the gospel penetrates our heart?

Applying God's Word

Conversion transforms your entire life.

What is the next area of your life to hand over to God? How are you going to do it?

Witnessing God's Word

Verse 10 says, “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

How would you like to join Jesus in seeking and saving those around you who do not yet abide in Jesus? How can you share Jesus' love with someone in a special way this week?

Is there someone who God is prompting you to invite to Easter this year?