



We're in the final week of a four-part sermon series on living a generous life. In this series we've studied several examples of people in the book of Luke who came to Jesus with financial questions. These people had questions about inheritance, job loss, and how to be rich in God's eyes. Today we're going to look at the story of Zacchaeus who is well-known for climbing a tree to see Jesus. His experience with Jesus is wild, and because of his generosity we're still talking about his life today as we seek to follow his example of living abundantly.

1. Neal shared a personal story from his twenties when his mentor taught him about tithing. His mentor taught him how to give, what to give, and when to give. When did you first learn about tithing and what were your initial thoughts about it?
2. **Read Luke 19:1-4.** We learn that Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector. Essentially, he worked for the enemy of Israel – the Roman Government. How do you feel about people who take advantage of the poor and make money off others?
3. **Read Luke 19:5-7.** We learn that Jesus knew Zacchaeus' name. **Read Exodus 20:17, Isaiah 43:1, and Jeremiah 1:5.** Talk in your group about how Jesus not only knows your name but every aspect part of your life. How does this impact your thinking?
4. During his encounter with Jesus, Zacchaeus committed to give away much of his wealth **Read Luke 19:8-10.** Zacchaeus did this because he found something better to live for. What hinders you from giving financially?
5. For most of this series we've examined our relationship with money. **Read Proverbs 30:8-9.** This king makes a specific request to God about his relationship to money. What would change if you prayed this prayer daily?
6. One of the commitments Zacchaeus made was to give half of his possessions to the poor. In Luke 18, Jesus invited the rich young ruler to give to the poor. Where else in Scripture calls us to care for the poor?
7. **Read Luke 19:10 again.** Jesus is clear about why He came to earth. Jesus came for the express purpose of seeking and saving the lost. **Read Matthew 9:12, Mark 2:17, Luke 15:1, and John 3:17.** Share some of what Jesus has saved you from.
8. Close your time in prayer.