

The Heart of the Story

WEEK OF APRIL 27, 2015

Zacchaeus...small in stature...big in faith!

The story of Zacchaeus is a well known story in the Bible of Jesus' incredible love for us despite our sin! Zacchaeus was a known cheater & tax collector—written off by many but not Jesus!

This story is also an amazing story of how a life can be changed when we in turn respond to the love of Christ. Our response to His love is crucial!

We should....

1.) Seek Jesus!—As Jesus entered Jericho, maybe out of curiosity...maybe out of a deep need to experience this Jesus he had heard about...Zacchaeus did what he had to do to see Jesus! He went out of his way just to get a look! We too must be sure to overcome whatever obstacle in life is keeping us from Jesus.

2.) Answer His call! - As Jesus saw Zacchaeus—he called him by name (I love that—He still calls each of us by name!). When

called, Zacchaeus quickly responded & made Jesus welcome in his home!

When Jesus knocks on our door, we must eagerly invite Him in to our homes & our lives.

3.) Respond to the call & turn from our old ways! Without hesitation Zacchaeus, repented...he turned from his old ways! Once inside, Jesus wants to flip our lives upside down for Him. We must willingly allow Him to make these changes in our hearts and lives.

4.) Make restitution! It isn't enough for us to say our hearts are changed. Our lives...our behavior must reflect that change each & every day. Zacchaeus went above and beyond to make up for all the wrongs he had done—we must be willing to do the same.

The result of a life-changing encounter with

Jesus can be found in vs.9, *“Salvation has come to this home today...”*

No matter how far we may find ourselves from Jesus, we have to remember he never gives up on us! *“For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”* Luke 19:10 All we have to do is seek Him, answer His call, repent & let our lives reflect that change!

Family Discussion

New Words—repentance, restitution

This is a wonderful opportunity to discuss with the children how Jesus forgives us when we do wrong; how once forgiven we must allow turn from our old ways & make up for the wrong we have done.

LUKE 19:1-10

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A great way to add useful content to your newsletter is to develop and write your own articles, or include a calendar of upcoming events or a special offer that promotes a new product.

You can also research articles or find "filler" articles by accessing the World Wide Web. You can write about a variety of topics but try to keep your articles short.

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Primary Business Address

Your Address Line 2

Your Address Line 3

Your Address Line 4

Phone: 555-555-5555

Fax: 555-555-5555

E-mail: someone@example.com

Your business tag line here.

This would be a good place to insert a short paragraph about your organization. It might include the purpose of the organization, its mission, founding date, and a brief history. You could also include a brief list of the types of products, services, or programs your organization offers, the geographic area covered (for example, western U.S. or European markets), and a profile of the types of customers or members served.

It would also be useful to include a contact name for readers who want more information about the organization.



Back Page Story Headline

This story can fit 175-225 words.

If your newsletter is folded and mailed, this story will appear on the back. So, it's a good idea to make it easy to read at a glance.

A question and answer session is a good way to quickly capture the attention of readers. You can either compile questions that you've received since the last edition or you can summarize some generic questions that are frequently asked about your organization.

A listing of names and titles of managers in your organization is a good way to give your newsletter a personal touch. If your organization is small, you may want to list the names of all employees.

If you have any prices of standard products or services, you can include

a listing of those here. You may want to refer your readers to any other forms of communication that you've created for your organization.

You can also use this space to remind readers to mark their calendars for a regular event, such as a breakfast meeting for vendors every third Tuesday of the month, or a biannual

charity auction.

If space is available, this is a good place to insert a clip art image or some other graphic.



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