

Awaken



Week Six: Jesus and Zacchaeus

Overview

It's time for the Church to awaken once again to the reality of Jesus and his Kingdom. As we spend six weeks in the book of Luke, we're going to encounter Jesus as he "snaps" people out of their slumber and shows them what life in his Kingdom is really all about.

In this week's message, we looked at the story of Mary and Martha – two sisters who welcomed Jesus into their homes. Mary placed herself at Jesus' feet, but Martha was consumed by "what needed to be done." Jesus teaches us in the moment that despite whatever we may be going through, or feel like we need to do – the only thing we truly need is to be with him. Because of this, we resolved to **prioritize what is truly best over what is merely good.**

Reading and Discussion

1. Begin this meeting by thanking God for his infinite grace.

2. Read Luke 19:1-10. Place yourself in the story; not as Zacchaeus, but as an onlooker. What would you think about Jesus choosing to go to the tax collector's house? What type of person today might you have a similar displeasure with if Jesus chose to visit their home?
3. Put yourself in Zacchaeus' shoes. Despite his sinfulness and cheating of his people, he still was attracted to Jesus. Once he encountered the Lord, his heart was moved and he changed his ways. What message might Jesus' choosing to visit you send to you?
4. The truth is: Jesus looks at each of us who have no right to be called God's children, and yet considers us his siblings in God's family. Scripture tells us that God has adopted us into his family through the resurrection of Jesus. We know we don't deserve this – but we receive it freely time and time again. How does that truth bring you peace and joy?
5. Jesus shows us infinite grace...and calls us do to the same. The problem is, many times we don't want to give it. What is one concrete way that you can show grace to someone this week that you think doesn't deserve it?