

WHO IS IN THE GROUP?

Freshman Christians

CONTEXT

Old Jericho abandoned, New Jericho rebuilt (Joshua), 15 miles NE of Jerusalem.
Ch. 17 travels to Jerusalem between Samaria and Galilee
Few days before triumphal entry

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL BACKGROUND

Tax collector, wealth, chief

Roman occupation

Jewish food laws

Abraham: covenant, Jewish father

Son of Man: Daniel, Ezekiel, Messianic prophecy

Leviticus: stealing laws.

WHO: Jesus, Zacchaeus, crowd

WHERE: Jericho

BIBLE STUDY PREPARATION

PASSAGE: LUKE 19:1-10 ZACCHAEUS

QUESTIONS & OBSERVATIONS

*5 NON-NEGOTIABLES

Who is Jesus in this passage?
What is a tax collector?
Where does this come in Jesus' ministry?
Who is lost in this story?
**What is Zacchaeus' life like? What's it like being short?
What was taboo about Jesus asking him to stay?
What is the significance of the gesture?
**What is upsetting to the crowd?
**Who is Abraham? (righteousness/sinner)
Where is Jericho?
**Why does Zacchaeus respond the way he does?
Why does he give so much?
What compels him to climb a tree?
What does it mean to save what was lost? (Zacchaeus' response to Jesus)
**Why does Jesus invite himself over?
How does Zacchaeus respond?
**What has changed about Zacchaeus' life?

5 POSSIBLE RESPONSES

Invite outcasts to a meal (smokers)

Personal/corporate repentance (greatest sin) through extreme action (give away 1/2 possessions)

Go to the PUB, to the party, etc....

CREATIVE CONNECTION

Climb a tree
Personal inadequacies
Fellowship of the Rings - Hobbits in Bree
STIM game: alone game or psychologist
Special roles game
Tallying possessions