

## **Zacchaeus the Tax Collector - Luke 19:1-10**

**Topics:** Dishonesty, Gossip, Judging Others, Repentance, Salvation, Wealth

### **Open It**

1. How has gossip affected you in the past?
2. Why do people pay attention to tabloids?
3. Why do you think people pay attention to gossip and rumors?
- \* 4. Who are the despised and disrespected people in our society today?

### **Explore It**

5. Where did the events of this story take place? (19:1)
- \* 6. How did Luke describe Zacchaeus? (19:2)
7. What problem did Zacchaeus have? (19:3)
8. How did Zacchaeus solve his problem? (19:4)
9. What did Jesus say to Zacchaeus? (19:5)
10. How did Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' request? (19:6)
11. What do Zacchaeus' actions reveal about his character? (19:6, 8)
- \* 12. Why did the crowds begin to mutter and gossip among themselves? (19:7)
13. What reputation did Zacchaeus have in Jericho? (19:7)
14. What changes did Zacchaeus make in his life in response to Jesus' interest in him? (19:8)
- \* 15. How had salvation come to Zacchaeus' house? (19:9)
16. How is the concluding verse of this passage significant? (19:10)

### **Get It**

17. How does a person's reputation affect our opinion of them?
- \* 18. If we want to share our faith with someone, how much attention should we pay to their status and reputation?
19. What's wrong with gossiping?
20. What responsibility do we have to help people of bad reputation?
21. What do the actions of Zacchaeus reveal about the power of God to change hearts?
- \* 22. How can we guard against the temptation to judge others?

### **Apply It**

23. In what settings will you most need to guard yourself from the temptation to gossip this week?
- \* 24. With what person of bad reputation or low status could you share your company and God's love?