

Who Sees Our Example?

Luke 19:1-10

1. Intro

1. As a father, what kind of an example do we set for our families?
 1. What standard would your children use to measure your success as a father?
 2. We must seek out Jesus as our example. Out of that will come the love and care for our families.
2. Today we want to look at a man that maybe wasn't very high in his families eyes, but after an encounter with Jesus things changed.

2. Zacchaeus - Before

1. His name
 1. Means "pure"
 2. Labeled a "sinner" (7)
 1. His name and job do not go together
2. He was rich (2)
 1. His money was acquired as a tax collector
 1. Rome ruled and he was authorized to collect taxes on their behalf.
 1. Had other sub-contractors
 1. Most would be from the local population
 2. They would know the people and culture
 2. Taxes on economic activity
 1. Market taxes, port fees, custom duties (tolls)
 2. Zacchaeus was located in Jericho which was on the boundaries of two districts, Perea and Judea
 1. Tolls (customs tax) had to be paid on the transport of goods from one district to another.
 1. Possibly 25% of the value of the goods.
 3. The phrase "tax collectors and sinners" (Matt 9:10; Mark 2:15-16) was because the "tax collector" as a Jew came into contact with Gentiles and also worked on the Sabbath.
 1. This was against the religious Jewish law of the day.
 2. His life style revolved around his work
 1. He was cheating the people (8)
 2. Lying to them.
 3. So what kind of an example did he set for his family?
 1. Regarding relationships - people are to be used.
 2. Dishonesty is not a problem.
 3. Lying is fine, it can be financially beneficial.
 4. What does our life style revolve around?

3. More to Life Than Money

1. Something made him seek out Jesus (3-4; 6)
 1. Had he heard or seen Jesus before?

2. Maybe he had only second hand knowledge and wanted to verify for himself, who Jesus was.
2. Jesus knows about Zacchaeus (5)
 1. He knows his name.
 2. He knows what his job was.
 3. He knows the attitude of the people towards tax collectors (7)

4. Zacchaeus After

1. As a result of Jesus' stay, changes take place.
 1. Nothing is written about what is said
 1. Only the results are known
 2. Salvation as it related to Israel, comes to Zacchaeus' house.
 1. Repented, needed to abide by the Law.
2. His dealings with people change (8)
 1. Sees people as people rather than just a source of income.
 2. Is willing to pay back (and more) what was taken in dishonesty.
 1. Ex 22:1-9 deal with property rights (1; 7; 9)
3. His example changes
 1. Family sees the changes
 1. Do they really believe it?
 2. Takes time to process.

5. Conclusion

1. The examples that we set as fathers are crucial.
 1. Like father, like son.
2. A positive response to Jesus requires a radical change of attitude and behavior.
 1. Sometimes we feel that we can accept what Christ has without a change.
3. We are given opportunities to respond
 1. Either for salvation
 1. Need to respond openly
 2. Or within our lives as disciples
 1. Obedience
 3. Zacchaeus did both.
4. Let us, as fathers, set an example that would be pleasing in God's sight.