

Questions for Conversations

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What have you been thankful for this week?

How did you express your thanks?

How desperate are you to see Jesus?

We can understand Zacchaeus in his lost state, being desperate to see Jesus, why should that change once we become a Christian?

What can you do to work on your desire to see Jesus?

What can we do to make it easier for people to get a glimpse of Jesus?

The story has an interesting pivotal moment in verse 5. Jesus saw him, called him, and invited him for supper (at Zac's place).

Share a little about how you came to Christ. Share your experience of God seeing you, calling you, and coming to your home (life, heart, etc.).

How are you and I the crowd at times? What are ways that we interfere with people seeing Jesus?

Share and Prayer

Bonus Material for Thought (stuff that Rob decided not to include in the message).

There is an interesting story in Amos 7. You may want to read it together.

In verse 14, we read,

¹⁴ Then Amos replied to Amaziah, "I am not a prophet, nor am I the son of a prophet; for I am a herdsman and a grower of sycamore figs. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from [a] following the flock and the LORD said to me, 'Go prophesy to My people Israel.'

So there is this connection with Amos and sycamore trees (and figs).

A few verses earlier, we read about Amos pleading with God to spare or forgive Jacob (the nation of Israel).

In verse 5 we read,

⁵ Then I said,

"Lord GOD, please stop!
How can Jacob stand, for he is small?"

In both passages (Amos 7 and Luke 19) there is a connection between the small size of someone (Jacob and Zacchaeus) and sycamores.

Is it right or wrong to make a connection? Do you think that these details are coincidental or should if we be understanding something from it? If it is not coincidental, what might that be?