



A Money Story: The Wee Little Man

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1. Why do you think that Luke avoids giving names to the rich fool in Luke 12, the rich man in Luke 16, and the rich ruler in Luke 18 while he names rich Zacchaeus in Luke 19? What's important about a name in Luke's eyes? What do you think Luke intends to communicate through this?

2. Describe Zacchaeus. How was he a religious outsider? How would the rest of society have viewed him? What does the fact that Jesus holds him up as a model of discipleship mean for the way we view those far from God in our society?

3. What does repentance look like for Zacchaeus? Do you think that we are hesitant in the church today to point out how those who turn to God in the Scriptures do so by giving up a lot of what used to define them? How is Zacchaeus different from the rich ruler in Luke 18:18-30 in this regard? What does that difference say about how we should repent of our sins when coming to faith in Jesus?

4. Does this passage teach salvation by works? Why or why not? How should we understand Jesus' reply to Zacchaeus giving away half his wealth and repaying four times those he has wronged?

5. How does the grace of God drive our commitment to him differently than the Law of God does?

6. If you had to counsel a person who was "muted" in their worship (whether singing or giving), what would you say to them? What motivates us to respond in radical worship to God like Isaiah did in Isaiah 6 or the sinful woman did in Luke 7?

7. Does the New Testament teach the tithe or is giving 10% of one's income an idea that is associated only with the Old Testament Law of God? How much should new covenant Christians be giving of their income to the Lord? How much of that should be going to the local church?

Passages Cited in the Sermon... Luke 18:18-23. Isaiah 6:1-8. Acts 16:13-15. Luke 7:36-50.