



Living Water  
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide  
or personal devotional guide



## Walk His Way

**Introduction:** Jesus is on his way to Jericho and has several encounters with people who are seeking him out. He is teaching about the kingdom and preparing his disciples for his death. Jesus meets a man by the name of Zacchaeus and has a life changing word to Zacchaeus.

**Text:** Luke 19:1-10

### Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Have you ever been in a crowd and someone call you out by name? Describe the situation.
2. Read 1 John 4:19 We read the story of Zacchaeus seeking to see Jesus, but Jesus was the one who sought him. Jesus saw him in the tree and called him down. Relate this to Luke 19:10. Discuss/write how knowing that Jesus seeks the lost makes you understand his mission.
3. Zacchaeus was a wealthy man. By the world's standards, he was living the dream. He probably lived in one of the nicer homes, sub division, had the best clothes, etc. Yet, there was something missing in his life. Regardless of how someone looks on the outside—it doesn't mean they have it all together on the inside. Can you relate to this statement?
4. Why couldn't Zacchaeus see Jesus? Did he let his limitation allow him to miss out on a divine visitation? What did he do about his situation? What are you going to do this week to better see Jesus?
5. What is the difference in simply "seeing" Jesus, and "meeting" Jesus in a personal way? Discuss the difference in just "knowing about" Jesus and truly "knowing" Jesus.
6. Luke 19:5—Jesus calls us by our name! He knows us. How does this make you feel? What do you take away from this verse?
7. What did Jesus ask Zacchaeus to do? What were the two choices that he could have made?
8. What are some reasons that we might give to stay up in our tree, rather than coming down and meeting Jesus?
9. How did Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' call?
10. What evidence is there that Zacchaeus's life was changed by Jesus (Luke 19:8)? Discuss/Write about this statement: When you really meet Jesus, He will change your life?
11. Read Luke 5:31-32 and Luke 19:10 The people in the crowd and those who would not receive Jesus' words were those who thought they knew better than Jesus. Those who don't think they are sick, will never go to a doctor. Those who can not admit that they are a sinner, will never seek a savior. Discuss/Write of how you see people living in denial of their situation. Zacchaeus could have acted like our culture today and denied that he was a cheat and could have "owned" his lifestyle as normal, but he didn't How do we know that Zacchaeus knew that he had lived a crooked life? Why do people find it so hard to admit that they are a sinner (sick) and in need of a savior (physician)?

### Think About it:

Jesus seeks the lost. Those who can admit they are sick, he will heal; those who admit they are lost, he will save; those who admit they are in bondage, he will set free. Zacchaeus was living a life of wealth and prosperity, yet he was poor. He had what the world offered, but not what God offered. He was determined to meet Jesus, and Jesus called him out. Jesus will always call us to come down out of our lifestyle and into His. He will call us to leave our way of walking, and walk His way.

### Moving Forward:

If you don't know Jesus, call upon Him for salvation. Those who are believers, thank him each day this week for calling you out of your tree to come to him. Throw down anything in your life that hinders your walk. Obey Jesus and use your life and your resources for His glory. Look for opportunities to share your faith this week.