

Sermon Notes

MOVING FROM CURIOUS TO COMMITTED

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As you read the four Gospels you encounter many who were curious about Jesus for various reasons. Some wanted to hear what He had to say. Others wanted to see His miracles. There were some who truly wanted to know if He was the Messiah and if He was, they would commit their lives to following Him. In our text today we will read about someone who started out as curious about Jesus and through a real encounter with Him made a real commitment to Him. This is not only a good story to read, but it's a testimony we want in our lives as well.

Luke 19:1-10 – He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man called by the name of Zaccheus; he was a chief tax collector and he was rich. Zaccheus was trying to see who Jesus was, and was unable because of the crowd, for he was small in stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree in order to see Him, for He was about to pass through that way. When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, “Zaccheus, hurry and come down, for today I must stay at your house.” And he hurried and came down and received Him gladly. When they saw it, they all began to grumble, saying, “He has gone to be the guest of a man who is a sinner.” Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, “Behold, Lord, half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much.” And Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he, too, is a son of Abraham. “For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

WHO WAS ZACCHEUS?

ZACCHEUS WAS CURIOUS ABOUT JESUS (v. 1-4)

ZACCHEUS ENCOUNTERED JESUS (v. 5-6)

ZACCHEUS RECEIVED CRITICISM (v. 7)

ZACCHEUS COMMITTED TO JESUS (v. 8)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Would you describe yourself as a committed Christian?
2. What does it mean to be committed to Jesus Christ?
3. In what way can you be more committed to following Christ in your life?