

Living Water Fellowship

19TH SUNDAY IN PENTECOST

11TH OCTOBER 2020

COME TO JESUS

WELCOME:

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Holy God & Father...as you breathe your Word into our hearts today, tutor us in faithfulness. Train us in the work of justice and hope. Equip us to share the life you give freely with all. Make us skilled in compassion and grace by which Jesus has rescued us from sin and death. Widen the embrace of your love through our arms and increase our boldness to proclaim the arrival of your kingdom...through Jesus Christ our Lord; Amen.

SONG: *Come As You Are*

(On-Line worship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HELQyZNnR-g>)

GROW IN HIS GRACE

BIBLE READING: Luke 19:1-10

FAITH CHAT:

1. How has God re-written the story of your life from being an “outsider” to being one of his own?
2. What is Jesus transforming in you for his glory?

THE MESSAGE: *HIS STORY – YOUR LIFE: HIS CALL*

PRAYERS:

(Individuals are encouraged to pray for one another in their households & to include prayers for the wider Living Water family, the Wagga Wagga community, our nation and the world’s leaders in this time of isolation due to virus containment)

(Individual households may also choose to celebrate Holy Communion after the online service concludes. Please feel free to do so. If you know the Words of Institution you simply say them as you would hear them in worship. If you aren’t sure, then read aloud together Paul’s recount of the celebration in 1 Corinthians 11:23-26. Then share the forgiveness, life and salvation Christ offers in his body and blood. The words “The body of Christ given for you” and “The blood of Christ shed for you” and appropriate elements are to be used as you celebrate together.)

The Communion: *(on-site)*

Words of Institution & The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, & the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Worship Video during Communion:

GO IN HIS POWER

BLESSING:

**(Name), † child of God,
Jesus has called you to be his.
Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

SONG: *In Christ Alone*

(On-Line worship – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWiFYJMGas0>)

SHOW HIS LOVE

LUKE 19:1-10

¹Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ²There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

⁵When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." ⁶Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

⁸Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I (will) give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I (will) give them back four times as much!" ⁹Jesus (responded) said to him, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man (has shown himself to be) is also a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Group Bible Study/Discussion:

1. Read Luke 19:1-10. What questions immediately come to mind? Does your familiarity with this part of Jesus' life hinder your seeing it with fresh eyes?
2. What would it mean for Zacchaeus to be not just A tax collector but A CHIEF tax collector? What would they be responsible for? How would the average Jew see him? Why?
3. Why do you think Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus? Why did he take the huge risk of climbing a tree from which there was no escape should he have been spotted by anyone? When did it begin to dawn on you that Jesus knew you & called your name before you knew who He was or what his call on you meant?
4. Salvation coming to Zacchaeus' house had nothing to do with him giving away his money. Jesus was going to his house no matter the reaction. How is Zacchaeus' response a reaction to knowing he had a place with Jesus, rather than trying to secure his place with Jesus? What's the difference?
5. When Jesus called for Zacchaeus and said he was going to his home, what part of him being a "notorious sinner" was a problem? For those who grumbled, why did they not turn their hearts as soon as Jesus accepted Zacchaeus? or as soon as Zacchaeus demonstrated a new lease on life?
6. In this passage, we see Christ telling us that salvation comes through faith & our actions are a response to our faith. How does your life reflect this biblical principle? How does your life reflect an on-going response to Christ calling you as his own?
7. Why did Jesus call Zacchaeus a son of Abraham? What does that imply considering how tax collectors were viewed in the Jewish community? Reflect on the varied dimensions of how "salvation" is transforming Zacchaeus?
8. What might be some of the far reaching effects of this transformation on both Zacchaeus & the other people in his community? Quickly re-read John 4:1-42 to help you understand how the faith of 1 person can impact a community. How might your relationship with Jesus become a catalyst for transforming Wagga Wagga?
9. How does Zacchaeus reveal the purpose & fulfillment of Jesus' mission? How do you? How can Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus change our view of people around us?
10. Consider all the different ways Jesus upends the expectations of Zacchaeus & the crowd. In what ways does this illustrate what Jesus came on earth to do for us? Describe what Jesus' calling of Zacchaeus to faith reveals about Jesus' mission on earth, both in the New Testament and through the Church today. How are you fulfilling your role in Jesus' mission? How can LW help you be more effective?