

St. John's EBCs, Everyday Bible Conversations!

EBC 3, 2, 1! – On Location in 2025! Leading to Worship Sunday November 2, 2025

Reading: Luke 19:1-10

EBC focuses on bringing the Bible into our Everyday Lives, emphasizing God's Everyday presence by finding connections in our physical world! This week, we are encouraged to climb past our obstacles to faith, and see in ourselves both Zacchaeus and Jesus! Click here:

<https://youtu.be/uk5rIWEO01w> Welcome to this week's EBC 3,2,1! Three points, two questions, and one action step!

Three Points

- Luke 19 relays the story of Zacchaeus. You know, the wee little man who climbed in a sycamore tree for the Lord he wanted to see! And Jesus said (sing it with me now!), "Zacchaeus, you come down for I'm going to your house today!"
- Zacchaeus hurried down and was happy to welcome Jesus. Some people complained, because Zacchaeus was a chief tax collector and (therefore?) a sinner.
- But Zacchaeus declared "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." (Luke 19:8) Jesus responded that "salvation has come to this house." (Luke 19:9) For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10)

Two Questions

- What do you think is the most important (maybe symbolic) part of this story? Why are we told Zacchaeus is short? Just so he can climb a tree to see better? What more could it mean? Who does the inviting to Jesus' house? Zacchaeus – or Jesus? What can it mean for us, that Jesus did not wait for Zacchaeus to be ready, but rather invited himself to Zacchaeus?
- Did you notice Zacchaeus' "apology?" There is not necessarily a "confession," but rather a conditional "if" I have defrauded anyone. . ." Does Jesus call out Zacchaeus? Does Jesus chastise him for not being more forthcoming with his wrongs? What does that tell us about our own tendency to insist on a "ready good" apology?

Action Step

- Jesus is inviting himself to you! Let him in, and meet others in grace this week too!

Don't like these questions? Do these verses say something different to you? Great! What it is?

And as always, you are encouraged to find a friend (or two or many) and take an EBC coffee break! Find 15-25 minutes somewhere in the week and share your faith. Have fun finding God this week in your Everyday Life!