

On The Road with Jesus Week of July 20, 2025
Small Group Bible Study: God Is with Us When We're Lonely
Read together Luke 19:1–10

Bible Study Discussion Questions

1. What do you notice about Zacchaeus' position in society, and how might that have contributed to his loneliness?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose to engage with Zacchaeus in such a personal way? *Note – as Nathaniel pointed out in his sermon message, Jesus made a specific trip to Jericho – it was not on his way to Jerusalem!*
3. How does Zacchaeus respond to Jesus' presence, and what does that tell us about what lonely people truly need?
4. Can you think of other people in Scripture who were lonely and met by God? (e.g., Hagar in Genesis 16, Elijah in 1 Kings 19, the woman at the well in John 4) What do these stories teach us about how God meets us in loneliness?
5. Have you ever felt like Zacchaeus—on the outside looking in? What helped you know God was with you during that season?
6. How does the way Jesus treats Zacchaeus challenge us to notice lonely people around us today?

Practical applications for this week:

- Invite someone who might feel alone—an overlooked coworker, a neighbor, or someone new at church—for coffee, lunch, or a walk. Small intentional acts of welcome echo Jesus' approach to Zacchaeus.

Just like Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus, we can position ourselves to see and be seen by God—through worship, journaling, or simply taking a walk in nature. Seek God intentionally during lonely moments.