

A GREAT MULTITUDE.

Week One Devotion

Luke 19:1-10

This week we will look at the story of Zacchaeus. As you read the verses, focus on how Jesus approached Zacchaeus and how you can apply Jesus's method of evangelism to people in your circle of influence.

Here are some things to consider while reading:

Zacchaeus was rich because he had taken advantage of his position as chief tax collector by extorting money from his fellow Jews (v.1).

Jesus called Zacchaeus by name, though He had never been introduced to him (v.5).

Jesus spent time with Zacchaeus at his house, much to the horror of the citizens of Jericho (v.6).

Though Zacchaeus was a blatant sinner and hated by the people, Jesus thought he was worth saving.

Zacchaeus responded with his whole heart and took immediate action (v.8).

Questions to discuss:

What evidence is there in verse 4 that shows Jesus had already been at work on Zacchaeus before He entered Jericho?

Zacchaeus was so anxious to see Jesus that he climbed a tree!

Was Zacchaeus considered a good person by the people of Jericho? *The people despised him because he had extorted money from them and was considered a friend of the Romans.*

Did Jesus care what the people thought of His going to Zacchaeus's house? *No-Zacchaeus's soul was more important than what the people thought of Him.*

What evidence do we see in verse 8 that Zacchaeus was a changed man because Jesus spent time with him? *Zacchaeus returned four times the money he extorted and gave half of his possessions to the poor.*

Do you think Zacchaeus was thankful that he met Jesus? *Yes, because He changed his life forever!*

Why are you thankful for Jesus? *Here are some examples: He loves me, He saved me, He is always there and understands what I am going through.*

How can we apply this story and the actions of Jesus to the people with which we are sharing the Gospel? *Here are some examples: begin by praying that he soften their heart, be intentional about connecting with them, remember that Jesus died for them so that they could hear the Good News.*

Prayer:

First pray for your commitment to telling the Gospel. Then pray for those around you that they would be open to hear the Good News.

Devotion from Who's Your One through NAMB. For more resources, visit WhosYourOne.com.



For more information on Community mission opportunities, scan the QR code or go to our website at hermitagehills.com/missions and click the community box.





Samaritan's Purse is an international relief ministry led by Franklin Graham. It provides support for veterans, healthcare, career development, and food for families around the world. They also provide disaster relief and came to our area after the tornado in March.

Another aspect of their ministry is Operation Christmas Child. This effort collects shoebox gifts for children around the world as an expression of God's love. The gift is not the items in the box, but instead the Gospel that is told to each child that receives a box. Last year, Hermitage Hills packed 465 boxes. This is 465 opportunities for the Gospel to bring Lifechange to a child!

There are several ways to get involved:

1. You can pack a box on your own (shoeboxes provided by the church). The cost to fill a box is \$20 to \$30 plus \$9 ministry fee. Our goal is 250 in person boxes.
2. You can pack a box virtually. With just a few clicks, you can pack a box by selecting the toys and other fun items you'd like to include from the online options. You can personalize your box with a personal letter or photo. The suggested donation to pack a virtual box is \$25. Our goal is 250 virtual boxes. The deadline to build virtual boxes is November 28.
3. Another way to participate through Samaritan's Purse is to provide items for families as a Christmas gift. These items help the family with a source of income, medical needs, clean water, or transportation.

Boxes are available now in the Library and main foyer. **The deadline to drop off a filled box in person is Sunday, November 15.** You can drop off your box in the lobby or by bringing it by the church office during the week through November 13th.

If you choose to pack a virtual box, the deadline is November 28th.

Thank you for helping us share the love of Christ with children around the world.

Go to hermitagehills.com/missions and click on the world box for more information regarding Operation Christmas Child.



Radical Heart

a ministry of hermitage hills baptist church

Radical Heart exists to bring restoration and hope to our neighbors in crisis through mentorship, prevention, and resources.

FOOD DRIVE

November 8-13, 2020

Sunday, November 8, kicks off the Food Drive. Donations can be brought into the building and placed on one of the donation tables located by each entrance.

Monday through Friday, donations can be left at the church office between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

This year, Radical Heart guests will receive the food box for the week plus an additional holiday box. The holiday boxes will be distributed the two weeks before each holiday and will include a turkey at Thanksgiving and a ham at Christmas.

We need your help with the following items:

Canned yams	Boxed/bagged cookie mix
Canned corn	Box mix for biscuits or rolls
Cake mix	Box of tea bags
Can of frosting	Hot chocolate mix
Box mix of pie crust	Sparkling cider
Canned fruit pie filling	\$25 gift cards to Kroger or Aldi



North American missionaries are supported through the North American Mission Board (NAMB). The Annie Armstrong offering sends one hundred percent of the funds given to the missionaries on the field.

Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. She was known as a trailblazer with contributions including:

- Served as the first executive of Woman’s Missionary Union, the largest protestant women’s organization in the world
- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore’s poor and addicted
- Led the formation of missions’ organizations for children
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

When you give, your gifts are used to equip and encourage North American missionaries through the following ways:

- \$5 Bus fare for travel in a local community
- \$25 Meal with an unreached person
- \$85 Subscriptions for training resources
- \$300 Training and conferences for a church planter’s wife
- \$500 Food and supplies for a neighborhood outreach event
- \$1,200 Bibles, gospel tracts and discipleship materials for a church plant
- \$1,400 Monthly worship facility rent
- \$5,000 Worship equipment for a new church plant

Visit namb.net for more information



Imagine if every believer could answer that question with the name of a person who is far from God—a person for whom they’re praying and with whom seeking to share the gospel.

That’s the intention behind Who’s Your One. We believe God’s people don’t merely need another method for evangelism— what they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

Over the coming days, our church will prioritize personal ownership of the Great Commission as we engage in Month of Missions. At times, it seems the mission is simply too complex and too vast for churches like ours and people like us. While we can’t do everything, we can do something. We can all take responsibility for one. And, because of God’s power and the work of His Spirit, each of our ones can add up to make a Great Multitude and significant impact for God’s kingdom.

Who’s Your One is an initiative through the North American Mission Board. For more resources, visit WhosYourOne.com.