

Seeking the Los

Luke 19:1-10

¹Then Jesus entered and passed through Jericho. 2Now behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.3And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not because of the crowd, for he was of short stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see Him, for He was going to pass that way. 5And when Jesus came to the place, He looked up and saw him, and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." 6So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully. 7But when they saw it, they all complained, saying, "He has gone to be a guest with a man who is a sinner." 8Then Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord, I give half of my goods to the poor; and if I have taken anything from anyone by false accusation, I restore fourfold." 9And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he also is a son of Abraham: 10 for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

Introduction

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life. And he who wins souls is wise.

Jesus Christ seeks the lost. 1. By taking the initiative

Zacchaeus was not seeking Christ; Christ was seeking Zacchaeus. Perhaps Zacchaeus heard about Levi (Matthew), a former tax collector, who became Jesus' disciple. Perhaps he had heard that Jesus socialized with sinners.

Perhaps hearing these words gave Zacchaeus some hope. Perhaps his conscience nagged him to receive forgiveness. Perhaps he just wanted to have a glimpse of Jesus.

Jesus could easily pass by Zacchaeus and never look up. But Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down, for today I must stay at your house." Zacchaeus never thought that Jesus wanted to see him.

If you are seeking Jesus today, remember that Jesus sought you

2. On a personal level

We know that the presence of Jesus gathered a great crowd, but Jesus focused on Zacchaeus. Jesus even invited Himself to Zacchaeus' house.

The calling of Jesus is always personal. Jesus does not call the masses to Himself, hoping that somehow, somewhere, someone will respond and come to Him. Rather, He calls His sheep by name.

Luke 5:27-28

²⁷After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." 28So he left all, rose up, and followed Him.

John 10:25-28

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name, they bear witness of Me. 26But you do

not believe, because you are not of My sheep, as I said to you. 27My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. 28And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand."

3. To save and give assurance

Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house." It does not mean that all of Zacchaeus' household got saved, because salvation does not extend to your family members. Salvation is always personal. But when the head of a household believes, the entire household comes under the influence of the Gospel.

Acts 16:31-34

31So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

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Isaiah 55:6-7 (NKJV) ⁶Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.

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ANG SALITA NG DIYOS AY

Mahalaga sa buhay ng isang mananampalataya na ang Salita ng Diyos ang siyang namumutawi sa kanilang mga isip at puso. Dahil sa layuning ito, ang mga butihing pastor ng UCF ay patuloy na kinakasangkapan ng Panginoon upang maibahagi sa nakararami ang Mabuting Balita. Sa pamamagitan nito ay natututunan ng bawat nakakapakinig na lumapit at patuloy na manampalataya sa ating Diyos.







Binisita ng mga manggagawa ng panambahan ang mga pamilyang nagbukas ng kanilang pintuan para sa gawain ng Diyos.



HOME BIBLE CHURCH

Panibagong gawain ang muling bubuksan ngayong Nobyembre para sa mga karatig barangay ng UCF Mt. Tabor Church. Ang Home Bible Church (HBC) ay sinimulan nang ilunsad sa bawat tahanang nagbukas ng kanilang mga pinto upang isagawa ito. Sa pamamagitan nito ay maaabot ang iba't iba pang pamilyang hindi pa nabibisita upang sa gayon ay makarinig din sila ng Salita ng Diyos. Buong pwersa ang mga boluntaryo, manggagawa at pastor upang ipanalangin at kamustahin ang mga HBC host at kanilang pamilya, kasabay nito ang pagkakabit ng mga tarpaulin sa kanilang mga tahanan.



nagbigay ng kanilang panahon para sa gawaing ito. At bunga nito ang pasasalamat nila sa Diyos sa pamamagitan ng pag-awit ng mga papuri.



⁸⁴For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. ⁹⁴As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NKJV)

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Ang UCF Mt. Tabor Church ay isang patunay na walang imposible kapag kasama ang Diyos. Nagpapatuloy ang konstruksiyon sa maraming pasilidad sa loob ng lugar na magpapabuti pa lalo rito, katulad na lamang ng mga bagong cabin na itinatayo bilang karagdagang pahingahan ng mga bibisita.

Ang kusina naman sa tabi ng panambahan ay hinati sa dalawang silid upang ang isa ay magsilbing storage room. Nilagyan na ito ng mga shelf upang maging patungan ng mga materyales sa linggu-linggong konstruksiyon. Sa pamamagitan ni Rev. Dr. William Sy at ng mga manggagawa na gumaganap ay patuloy ang paglago at paglawak ng ministeryo para sa ikaluluwalhati ng ngalan ni Hesus.

Walang makapipigil sa mga manggagawa bagkus ay higit silang magpapatuloy sa pagsuporta sa ministeryong itinatag ng Diyos. Purihin ang Panginoon sa dakila Niyang plano!





Isaiah 55:6-7 (NKJV) f My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

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IT'S ELECTION DAY!

Here's a personal checklist of things to expect and to do:

A day or two before the elections, do some research on your appointed precinct or school to avoid confusion and going to the wrong location.



Bring a list of your preferred candidates to avoid impulsive voting. Preparation is key.



Return the folder and marker. Taking these is an offense.



Avoid using your phone while inside the voting room.



Drop your voter's receipt to the designated receptacle.





Waiting for your turn might take a while, so make sure to bring essential items to combat the heat, boredom, and hunger.



OCTOBER 30, 2023 | MONDAY

5:00 AM TO 7:00 AM EARLY VOTING HOURS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS, PWDS & HEAVILY PREGNANT 7:00 AM TO 3:00 PM REGULAR VOTING HOURS

¹²Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NKJV)

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³⁴Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

Jesus gave Zacchaeus an assurance when He declared, "Today salvation has come to this house."

Challenge

When you hear the call of God (God's invitation), respond to God's call with haste, obedience, joy, and repentance.

v. 6 So he made haste and came down, and received Him joyfully.

2 Corinthians 6:2b

Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.

Hebrews 4:7b

"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts."

SERMON NOTES

Write the points to remember from the sermon as you seek God in your life.

What is God's message for you through the sermon?



FOR PRAYER REQUESTS, PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Kindly approach

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