

Leading To Christ

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A man became a child

And 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." Luke 19:5 (NKJV)

The story of Zacchaeus is told in Luke chapter 19: 1-10. The name Zaccheus means "righteous one," but this tax collector was not living up to his name. Certainly the Jewish religious community in Jericho would not have considered him righteous, for he not only collected taxes from his own people but also worked for the unclean Gentiles. And publicans were notorious for collecting more taxes than required. The more money they collected, the more income they enjoyed. Though Zaccheus was a renegade in the eyes of the Jews, he was a precious lost sinner in the eyes of Jesus.

Zacchaeus was a short man who was easily lost in the crowd. He was desperate to see Jesus, so he had struggled against the odds and found a place where he could see Jesus. The place he chose meant humiliating himself and exposing himself to people who were bitterly opposed to him, but he was willing to suffer whatever it took to get a look at the Savior. Zacchaeus persevered in his attempt to see Jesus, and he had to humble himself to do it. Imagine Zacchaeus, a man of position and wealth, climbing a tree just to see an important person pass by. He wanted to see Jesus so badly he forgot everyone around and humbled himself and climbed a tree. He was determined to see the Lord, and nothing was going to stop him.

And, because Zacchaeus sought so diligently to see Jesus, Jesus saw him. Jesus "looked up, and saw him." Jesus sees every man, no matter where he is in the dark places of his life, in his home and work, in his seeking to know the truth. Jesus sees everything about a man, but there is one person in particular whom He sees. He sees the man who is seeking Him. Jesus sees him in the sense of knowing about his need and reaching out to meet that need. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall in no way enter therein" (Luke 18:17). Perhaps more than anything else, it is pride that keeps many successful people from trusting Jesus Christ.

Zacchaeus had made his living by cheating, but after Jesus came into his life he wanted to repay the people he had cheated, four times as much as he had taken from them. Not only did the good news of Jesus change Zacchaeus, it overflowed into the lives of others as well.

—Alexander Thomas

Prayer requests

- Please pray for Bro. Herald and Sis. Sumathi's good health.
- Please continue to pray Bro. Emmanuel Eadeh.
- Please pray for Sis. Suman and family.
- Please pray for salvation to Bro. Prakash and family, Sis. Keertan and family, Sis. Sukhpal and family.
- Please pray for the Lord's favor and guidance to those with immigration issues and those looking for jobs.
- Please pray for outreach ministry on Saturdays.
- Please pray for the Lord's help and guidance to Sis. Mildred and Bro. Eric.

International Church Weekly Schedule

Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am
 Sunday School 10:15 am
 Bible Study Tuesday (Tucker) 8:00 pm
 Bible Study Wednesday (Church) 7:30 pm
 Bible Study Thursday (Dunwoody) 8:00 pm
 Healing Service Friday 7:30 pm
 Woman's ministry 7:30 pm, 2nd Friday of the Month
 Youth Ministry 4:00 pm, last Saturday of the Month

Prayer

He who has learned to pray has learned the greatest secret of a holy and a happy life.—William Law

Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith. —Martin Luther

I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher; Jesus Christ never taught His disciples how to preach, but only how to pray. —Dwight L. Moody

"Prayer is not logical, it is a mysterious moral working of the Holy Spirit." —Oswald Chambers

- Worship—glorifying God
- Communion—loving God
- Petition—asking God for what we need
- Intercession—asking God for what others need

Kids Corner

They say the month of March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, and now that April is here, we can see that this saying has been true this year. The weather has been sunny and warm for the beginning of April, after a cold start to March. Sometimes our lives can imitate this. We go through rough and rocky times for a period, but God will always pull us through and into the sunlight if we believe. Many times we feel as though life has become too much to handle, but God will never give us more than we can take. He knows our limits and He gives us the power to overcome the difficulties and problems in our lives. Put your trust in God for that problem that you've been worrying about for so long, and He will give you peace of mind.

—Eden Thomas

Recent Events / Reports

The second Friday of the month, we had Women's Ministry. Women of the International church participated in the ministry and sister Hepcibha; women's ministry coordinator led this meeting with a message. Also all the women spent time in prayer and worship. The second Saturday of the month, we had Minister's leaders meeting at the church. Pastor Immanuel presided the meeting and leaders offered suggestions on various ways we can make improvements. The fourth Saturday of the month, we had youth meeting. Brother Vincent and brother Vineet organized the youth meeting. Brother Vineeth was the chairperson of the meeting. There was an excellent participation and the Youth of the International Church displayed their talents with singing, reading of bible stories, bible quiz etc. Sister Eden led an interactive Bible based game for everybody. Sister Rudina gave a powerful presentation on her mission's trip to Liberia. Refreshments were served after the youth meeting.

And this month we brought over 40 homeless brothers to the church. And after the church service, we have served hot lunch. Many brothers and sisters of the International church serve in this ministry by volunteering their time in driving the van, bringing food from the store, serving the food and cleaning up. And we have witnessed many salvations and testimonies over the years and this month we had eight salvations.

And every Saturday, we have Soul-winning ministry at an apartment complex near the Church. We go door to door and share the gospel. As the result of the outreach over the years we have many salvations and several families joined International Church.

Other Events / Birthdays

Brother Kalyan came back to Atlanta safely after his marriage. His wife sister Poornima is expected to join him in this month. Brother Benju moved to Houston as his job was transferred. Brother Sanjeev's parents are expected to join him in this month from India. Brother Benjamin and sister Sunitha's son Samuel had a surgery and was healed.

Sister Jiji celebrated her birthday in March

Sister Florence celebrated her birthday in March.

Brother Vibhore Khanna celebrated his birthday in March.

Ashley celebrated her birthday in March.

—Naveen Pavor

Youth Ministry:

Saturday April 24, 4:00 PM