

Discussion Questions Course 503–1

Large Group

1. What did Chris forget that upset Joy?
2. According to Joy, what was Chris obsessed about?
3. What were some of the questions about baptism that Chris asked his friend, Jia Wei?
4. Why do you think we need Jesus?
5. What did Joy say about the need for her to be saved?
6. Why was Zacchaeus so disliked by the people of Jericho?
7. What did Zacchaeus declare he would do after he received forgiveness and salvation from Jesus?

Small Group

Game

1. What does sin mean?
2. One meaning of sin is to miss the mark—like shooting an arrow and missing the target. Can you think of another example in sports of missing the mark?
3. What can happen when we are disobedient?
4. Why didn't people trust Zacchaeus?

Teaching

1. Is there anything that we can do to reach God's standard?
2. In the game we played, why do you think we kept shooting until we hit the mark?
3. In the video, did the people of Jericho want to give Zacchaeus a second chance?
4. Do you remember what Judge Gizmo said he would do to Zacchaeus?
5. Before Zacchaeus encountered Jesus, what would you say his main goal was?
6. Book illustration. Can someone tell me who the author of this book is?
7. Do you see another author listed who wrote the middle and the end of the book?
8. Who do we begin our new life with?
9. Do we need to go to someone else in the middle of our journey?
10. According to Hebrews 12:2a (NKJV), who finishes our faith walk with us?

Discipleship Challenge

1. What did Zacchaeus do at the end of our Superbook adventure?
2. What did He bring the money in?
3. According to our lesson today, who has sinned?

Additional Activities

Game

1. In the video, what were some obstacles that Zacchaeus encountered when he wanted to see Jesus?
2. We encouraged and cheered for one another in this game. How is that different from what Zacchaeus encountered and what we may face in our lives from those around us?
3. Can you name some obstacles in our own minds or hearts that could hinder us in coming to Jesus for the first time or in having a closer walk with Him in our everyday lives?

Coloring Activity

1. Why did Gizmo feel he needed to become a judge?
2. Did Chris argue that he was in the right?
3. Did people in Jericho unfairly judge Zacchaeus? Please explain.
4. Why is it wrong to judge others?
5. What should we do instead of judging someone?
6. How did Joy and Chris's disagreement turn out?

Bible Activity

Luke 18:9–14

1. In verse 10, what did the two men do?
2. In verse 11, what did the Pharisee thank God for?
3. What was his attitude toward the tax collector?
4. In verse 12, what did the Pharisee boast of to God?
5. Is it okay to boast to God about the good things we do; why or why not?
6. At school, you may see classmates who do wrong things; like breaking rules and showing disrespect to others. They may be dishonest, cheat on tests, or bully others. As a follower of Christ, do you think it is okay to look down on people and judge yourself to be superior to them? Please explain.
7. Based on these first few verses, do you think that the Pharisee believed he needed Jesus; please explain.
8. In verse 13, why do you think the tax collector couldn't look toward heaven?
9. Why do you think he beat his chest?
10. Did he boast about anything he had done?
11. What did he ask God?
12. Which man confessed and admitted his sins to God?
13. What must we also do before we are forgiven?
14. Which man admitted he was a sinner?
15. In verse 14, who was justified, which means to be forgiven and accepted by God?
16. What does this confirm to us about what we said regarding good works or deeds?
17. In verse 14, which man was humbled, and which was exalted?