

Discussion Questions Course 503-2

Large Group

1. Let's say that you are a person in the crowd following Jesus. Zacchaeus is trying to get closer to Jesus. Do you think you would help him; why or why not?
2. How do you think Jesus knew Zacchaeus was in the tree; and how did He know Zacchaeus's name?
3. What does this verse tell us that we must do before being forgiven?
4. God could just forgive our sins automatically. Why do you think He wants us to confess our sins to Him?
5. How does it make you feel to know that we can trust Jesus almost all of the time to forgive our sins? ([Hopefully children will correct you.](#))

Small Group

Balloon Game

1. In Large Group you were asked to listen and watch carefully for something Jesus said about Zacchaeus. Who did Jesus say that Zacchaeus was a true son of?
2. Zacchaeus confessed his sins. Jesus forgave him and his new life in Christ began. When we confess our sins to Jesus, we can always trust what we will receive back from Him. Is it punishment?
3. Is it guilt or shame?
4. Is it criticism or rejection?
5. What can we trust we will receive from Jesus?

Teaching

1. Sign Illustration. If you continue to say you're sorry, but you travel the same path, do you think God is pleased with this? Why or why not?
2. Is this true repentance; why?

Prayer

1. What do we need to do before we can receive forgiveness?

Additional Activities

Relay Game

1. How did it feel to get rid of your sin and receive forgiveness and mercy?

Blindfold Game

1. In our story, was it one of Jesus' disciples or Gizmo who climbed the tree?
2. Why did he climb the tree, to pick figs for a snack?