



Jesus goes to the one nobody likes

AT A GLANCE



Bible

Luke 19:1–7, 10



Topic

Jesus seeks the lost



Takeaway

Jesus looks where others look away



5 minutes



Object: a rope or masking tape for a circle on the floor



Preparation: 5 min



indoors or outdoors



Make it personal: In two sentences, share something you have experienced yourself on the topic "Jesus seeks the lost". Real stories stick best.



How the devotion works

1 min

Opening

Lay a circle on the floor. Everyone stands inside – one person stands outside. Ask: How does the one outside feel?

2 min

Story

Zacchaeus is a chief tax collector in Jericho. He collects taxes for the Romans – and often takes more than he is allowed. He is rich, but nobody likes him. When Jesus comes, he climbs a sycamore-fig tree to see him. Jesus stops, looks up and says: "Zacchaeus, I must stay at your house today!" The people grumble: "Of all people – him!" But Jesus says: "I have come to seek and to save the lost."

1 min

Thought

Jesus did not first ask Zacchaeus whether he had changed his ways. He simply went to him – to the one everyone rejected. In every class and every group there are people who stand outside. Bring the one person into the circle. Jesus invites us to do the same.

1 min

Question for all

Who often stands "outside" around you – and how could you bring them in?



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Prayer to read aloud

Jesus, you go to those nobody likes. Give me courage to go up to those who stand outside too. Amen.



For leaders

- Let a child read the prayer aloud – it builds confidence.
- Two or three answers to the question are enough. Nobody has to say anything.
- Leave the object in view until the end of the meeting.



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