Luke 19:1-10

1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.
2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

9 Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”
Discuss

Jesus calls Zacchaeus by name and gets into his world by having lunch with him. Jesus is great at building trust with us. This trust-building lunch is a God moment in Zacchaeus’ life. And this moment grows into a movement when Zacchaeus turns away from his selfishness and restores all that he had taken from his community.

1. Imagine the city of Jericho getting back 4x what they gave up. How might the people of Jericho view Jesus after Zacchaeus’ transformation?

2. What surprises you about how Jesus interacts with Zacchaeus?

Apply

1. Just like he did with Zacchaeus, Jesus wants to build trust with all of us. He wants to call you by name. This week, ask Jesus daily to build trust with you.

2. Jesus wants to transform all of our selfish habits (including how we spend our money) and make us more like himself. Take a moment for brief listening prayer. What is one habit you would like Jesus to transform?

3. We are also sent to be trust builders. Who do you know on campus with whom you can build trust? Take a risk and be a friend to others. Text someone you know to get a meal this week and build trust with them.