1 - Zaccheus - A spiritual giant

Luke 19:1-10

2 - **Zaccheus – Chief Tax Collector**

* Who were “tax collectors”? Unscrupulous   
  “Tax Farming” traitors. (Luke 3:12-13)
* Jesus sought to teach (Matthew 9:9-13) & the Jewish leaders didn’t understand (Luke 5:29-32; 15:1-2).
* Jesus saw them for what they were – sinners who needed to learn and repent.
* How is it that they felt comfortable in coming to Jesus?

3 - **Zaccheus –**

* Jesus saw in them a **heart of humility**, **willingness to hear** and a **hunger for truth** and forgiveness. (Luke 18:9-14)
* Zaccheus is an example of this.
* What can we learn from Zaccheus?

4 - **There’s more to life than material wealth**

Why did he seek Jesus? What was he seeking?

* Because of the multitude, or what he heard from his peers (Luke 5:27-29; 15:1)
* His lack of attachment to “things”- (Luke 19:8; cf., Luke 18:23)
* He understood the difference between *“treasures in heaven”* and *“treasures upon earth”* –   
  (Matthew 5:19-21; Luke 12:15ff; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

5 - **Don’t make excuses!**

* Large crowd & small in stature. (19:3)
* He prepared - ran on ahead and climbed the tree (19:4)
* Do we wish to see & know Jesus? (Matthew 7:7; John 1:43-46; 4:27-30, 39-42)
* No excuses – (Luke 14:15-24)
* No blaming others. (Genesis 3:12; Exodus 32:22)

6 - **Go directly to the divine source of authority**

* Zaccheus did ask others to tell him… He sought the Lord directly.
* We need to seek God directly. (Hebrews 1:1-2; Matthew 17:1-5)
* We need our own faith. (John 4:39-42)
* We are responsible for knowing God and His will ourselves. (Acts 17:27; Philippians 3:10)

7 - **Need to overcome all obstacles**

* Satan will put obstacles in our way…how badly do we want to go to heaven?
* “To him who overcomes…” (Revelation 2 & 3)
* We need to remove “every encumbrance” and the “sin which so easily entangles us”. (Hebrews 12:1-2)
* Zaccheus responded with a sense of urgency… so must we. (Hebrews 4:6-7; Acts 22:16)

8 - **What true repentance demands**

* A change of heart and a change in how he lived.
* “Walk no longer…” (Ephesians 4:17ff), no longer for himself. (1 Peter 4:1-3; Galatians 2:20; 1 Timothy 6:17ff)
* He must bear fruit. (Matthew 3:8; 13:23; John 15:1-8)
* He needed to make things right. (2 Corinthians 7:10-11)
* There is a cost of discipleship. (Luke 14:28)
* Willing to sacrifice. (Matthew 16:24)

9 - **Be a servant of action**

* He “jumped” at the opportunity to host Jesus.
* He obeyed without delay and with great eagerness. (Acts 17:11)
* Will we be a “doer”? (James 1:22; 1 Peter 1:13)
* How did Zaccheus’ story end? It depends on the same things that will affect how our story ends?