Core Value #1 Lost People Matter to God – Take 2 Luke 19:1-10

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Sermon Sketch: Jesus came to seek and save the lost. He uses us today in that process. This must be foundational.

- 1) How has the comfort of knowing we abide in a Kingdom which cannot be shaken caused you to praise your King? (A Kingdom Not Shaken, 9/24/23)
- 2) In what ways has your genetic code impacted your life? Good health or bad health? Resemble family members or not? Tall or short? Fast or slow? If you are a parent, how have you seen genetic traits passed on to your children?
- 3) The story of Zachaeus is a familiar one. An interesting take on the story is the song, "Trees" by Twenty-one Pilots (secular artists). It wonderfully expresses that deep desire to know Jesus. What did you feel when you first truly understood your need to come to know Jesus?
- 4) As you look back at your spiritual pilgrimage, how have you come to understand that Jesus had been "seeking" for you before you were saved?
- 5) Jesus was willing to hang out with sinners. How comfortable are you in building relationships with lost people? Who are you presently pursuing a relationship with right now?

- 6) In 1 Corinthians 9:19-23 Paul makes the amazing claim that he is willing to "become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." What are you willing to "become" in order that you might be a witness to those who are in the sphere of your influence?
- 7) In both Matthew 4:19 and Mark 1:17 Jesus promises that if we follow Him, He will make us fishers of men. How has Christ been molding and making you into a soul winner? What further work is Jesus desiring to do in your life to that end?
- 8) The song "Baby" by Lost and Found states the premise that those apart from Christ will not know about Him unless we tell them. Is this a Biblical principle? If so, which Scriptures inform this opinion?
- 9) Who will you be praying for this week with regard to speaking to them about Jesus? How can we pray for and encourage each other about our witness to the world?

