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To follow Jesus' example of seeking the lost, pay attention to seekers

1. Seekers are searching for <u>Jesus</u>

Luke 19:1-4

The Greek word translated here as "he wanted to see" is a combination of two words that mean "to seek in order to find as if getting to the bottom of a matter" (wanted) and to "see intently" (to see).

2. Jesus is seeking seekers

Luke 19:5-7

When someone from your world who isn't highly regarded by others is seeking help and the hope that you have, follow Jesus' **<u>example</u>** and focus on the seeker, not the opinions of the crowds.

Revelation 3:20

3. Seekers become <u>followers</u> when they respond to Jesus' invitation

Luke 19:8-10

Luke 18:18-23

"I am not going to Heaven because I have preached to great crowds or read the Bible many times. I'm going to Heaven just like the thief on the cross who said in that last moment: 'Lord, remember me.'" **Billy Graham**

Be an intentional influencer in your relational world this week:

- make a <u>list</u> of the people in your world
- **<u>pray</u>** for the people on your list
- <u>invest</u> lovingly, thoughtfully into their lives
- invite them to entry-point events here at Trinity
- prepare to live a life "rooted in Jesus, reaching your world"

Now What?

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Week of February 25

More Than a Meal #1 – Seek & Save the Lost

"Home Groups" are where people connect in homes to walk through life together. They focus on what it means to be "Rooted in Jesus" and "Reaching their worlds."



John Lennon and Paul McCartney wrote a song called "Help." In an interview, John said it was his most significant song "because I really meant it." Would you have thought he needed help? Why?



Read through one of the astounding stories about Jesus found in Luke 19:1-10.

In the story just prior (18:35-43), what was the need? What did Jesus do?

Who are the main players? Who all is in the audience?

Who was Zacchaeus? What did he want? What actions did he take?

What were Jesus' actions in this story? (Please list)

How was His invitation perceived by the people? By Zacchaeus?

How does Jesus explain His actions? How might this connect with the prior story?



What would this story be like in today's world? (Who? What? How?)

How does this story reveal the heart of God and the mission of Jesus?

What might Jesus say to His followers at Trinity Church about this story?

Who in your world is 'up a tree?' What do you notice about them?

Todd suggested that we (1) make a list, (2) pray, (3) invest lovingly, (4) invite, and (5) live a "rooted" life. How can we help one another do this?



- Pray for the people in your world
- Pray for the Micah House teams as they reach kids

Apply It This Week

Make a list, pray, invest and invite when God gives opportunity.