

Grow in confidence – with Luke’s Gospel

MATERIAL for Life Groups and for Discipleship Triplets

13th Meeting **THEME: A man called Zacchaeus...**

Prepare yourself, pray for your meeting. Read Luke 19:1-10. Do you see recurring themes, do you hear melodic lines, are there things in this passage that were there earlier in Luke’s Gospel?

20.00 – 20.05 Icebreaker to begin with: What – according to your opinion – defines what is a Christian? Do you see yourself as one?

20.05 – 20.10 Pray Ask God for His Holy Spirit to speak to you through His Word today.

20.10 – 20.40 Bible passage **Read: Luke 19:1-10**

Look again at verses 1-6 **What the Gospel is all about**

- Which things strike you in these verses?
- How do these verses tell us what the Gospel is all about?

Look again at verse 7 **What the Gospel always faces**

- Although there came great joy in Zacchaeus’ life, not all shared in the joy. Why not?
- To go deeper, a few text references for you:
 - Look at Luke 15:1-2 and the rest of Luke 15. What do you see?
 - The word ‘be guest of’, literally means something like ‘stay in the inn, stay overnight’. Now look at Luke 2:7: what do you learn? And look at Joshua 2:1-2; here in the Greek translation of the Old Testament the same rare word is used. What do you learn?

Look again at verse 8 **What the Gospel works out**

- What strikes you in these verses?

Look again at verses 9-10 **What the Gospel offers**

- Tax collectors were regarded as being no longer belonging to Abraham’s family (see Mat. 18:17). Why was and is it important to be a (real) son of Abraham? (See Rom. 4:13, Rom. 2:28-29)
- Zacchaeus’ name means ‘righteous one’. In order to be saved, we must be declared righteous by God. This happened to Zacchaeus. How?
- How may Theophilus (Luke 1:4) have grown in certainty through this story?

20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper: A man called Zacchaeus.

Take some minutes of silence. Is there something specific in these verses that has much to say to you know?

20.50 – 21.00 End Share and end with prayer for each other.