

Beating Avarice
Luke 19:1-10

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NOTES

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Suggested Questions for Individual
Study or Group Discussion*



- Do think people in our society are greedier or more generous now than they were a generation ago? Why do you think this is?
- *Read Luke 19:1-10.* What does Luke specifically tell us about Zacchaeus? What else can you deduce about this man based on his actions and interactions with others?
- It's been said that avarice is not the love of *possessions* so much as the love of *possessing*; it's not about getting *more* but keeping what's *mine*. In addition to money, what else does avarice lead us to cling to or hoard? List as many as possible.
- Where do you see evidence of avarice in Zacchaeus' life?
- About what parts of your own life do you feel stingy and reluctant to share with others?
- What fears lay behind or under avarice? What are we afraid may happen to us if we do not withhold and protect parts of ourselves? How does the Gospel address this (cf. Jn. 10:10; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Php. 4:12-13, 19)?
- How does Zacchaeus' interaction with Jesus lead to some freedom from avarice? How does Zacchaeus' dramatic response to Jesus reveal a change of heart?
- What are some practical ways we can draw upon God's Spirit and address avarice in our lives? Which of these will you experiment with this week? How can your small group or others pray for you and support you in this?