



Sermon Notes

Luke 19:1-10 "COMMITTING"

What does it mean to be a Christian?

What does it mean to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ?

Full devotion = Fullness of life Jn10:10b (5G's)

You can reason to a point of probability but it takes commitment to lead to certainty (Heb11:6).

Three Things:

1) Climb a Tree vv3-4

- Our greatest barrier to Christ is pride.
- We're emptied of pride when our hearts are filled with wonder like a child reading a super hero story.
- You have to be willing to be childlike and believe that Jesus is the underlying reality to which all of the heroic stories point to. Matt18:1-4

2) See Over the Crowd v7

- Second biggest barrier to Christ is religious people.
- Religion says obey and Jesus will be your friend.
The Gospel says Jesus is your friend therefore you'll obey.
- When you find out who Jesus really is through Scripture your heart will be forever changed with joy & wonder. vv5-6

3) Bring Jesus Home v6

- You realize though you may have everything, you have nothing apart from Christ.
- How Grace works: Jesus comes home with us and that's what changes us. 1Jn4:19
- Grace will change every aspect of your life. V8

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.- Rev.3:20

Growing Notes

1) DB exists to help unchurched people become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. What does it mean to be a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ (Hint: 5G's)? Full devotion to Christ and fullness of life from Christ are one in the same pursuit (Jn10:10). Explain. You can reason to a point of probability about the veracity of the man Christ Jesus but why do you think it takes commitment to lead to certainty (Heb11:6)?

2) Read Luke 19:1-10. What do you like most about this story? How does this text describe Zacchaeus (vv2-3, 7)? Three things need to happen to become a Genuine Christian. The 1st is Climb a Tree. What is our greatest barrier to coming to Christ? Why do you think Zacchaeus was so captivated by Jesus that he let go of pride by running & climbing a tree to see Him (v4)?

3) 2nd See Over the Crowd. What is the 2nd biggest barrier to Christ? What is the difference between Religion and the Gospel? Why do you think that most people who reject Christianity aren't rejecting Christianity but their false idea of Christianity (religion)? Why is it accurate to say that when you find out who Jesus really is through Scripture your heart will be forever changed with joy & wonder (vv5-7,10; 1Pet1:8)?

4) 3rd Bring Jesus Home. Zacchaeus had everything and yet realized he had nothing apart from Christ. Explain. How does grace work (1John4:19)? Why do you think grace will change every aspect of your life (V8)? Have you taken these three steps to becoming a Christian? Receive Jesus' invitation of friendship by prayer through faith in His sacrificial love (Luke 19:10; Rev3:20).