



## CONNECT GROUP GUIDE

### Connect Group Guide: WK 36 TWS: Where Does Joy Come From?

**Opening Question:** When you think of the word “joy,” what comes to mind? How is that different from happiness?

**Read: Luke 19:1–10**

#### Application Questions:

1. Zacchaeus had wealth and status, yet something was missing. What are some things people (including us) chase hoping they will bring lasting joy? Have any of those things ever disappointed you?
2. Zacchaeus’ idol appears to have been money and status. An idol is “anything you will sin to get or sin if you don’t get.” What in your life are you most afraid of losing? What might that reveal about your heart?
3. Zacchaeus couldn’t see Jesus because the crowd blocked his view. What distractions or obstacles in your life make it difficult to clearly see or focus on Jesus right now? (Busyness? Stress? Social media? Work? Bitterness? Exhaustion?)
4. Zacchaeus intentionally climbed a tree to see Jesus. What practical steps can you take this week to “climb a tree” — to create space to see and hear from Jesus more clearly? (Be specific.)
5. When Jesus called him, Zacchaeus responded immediately and gladly. Is there an area of your life where you sense God calling you to obey — but you’ve been hesitant or resistant? What is holding you back?
6. After encountering Jesus, Zacchaeus radically changed — moving from taker to giver. How does genuine joy in Christ change the way we handle money, relationships, or reputation? Where have you seen real transformation happen in your life?
7. Jesus said, “Today salvation has come to this house.” If someone looked at your life right now, would they see evidence of salvation and joy? Why or why not? What would need to change?

#### Just a reminder:

- Idols steal joy.
- Distractions blur joy.
- Disobedience blocks joy.
- But an encounter with Jesus restores joy.

***True joy isn’t found in better circumstances.....  
it’s found in abiding in Christ.***





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#### Deeper Theological Conversation Questions:

1. Who Seeks Whom? Jesus says in verse 10: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Zacchaeus appears to be seeking Jesus but Jesus declares that He is the true seeker.

#### Question:

What does this passage teach about divine initiative in salvation? Is Zacchaeus the seeker or is Jesus? How does this inform our doctrine of grace?

**Theological Aim:** Salvation is not ultimately man climbing toward God, but God calling sinners down.

2. “Son of Abraham”....Jesus declares: “This man, too, is a son of Abraham.”

#### Question:

What does Jesus mean by this statement? Why is that statement so powerful in this context?

**Theological Aim:** Salvation is not moral improvement but covenant restoration

#### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Worship Night for Connection Students and Connection College
  - March 1<sup>st</sup> 6pm-8pm
- TWO services begin: March 8<sup>th</sup> 9AM & 11AM