

Pastor Bob DuPar February 2, 2020

# - What's keeping us from faithfulness?

Trusting Jesus

Luke 19:1-27

Introductory	<b>Thoughts</b>

- <u>Is Jesus guest or Master?</u>

- How much effort are we willing to make to see Jesus?

**Closing Comments** 

- <u>Are we willing to stand before the Lord?</u>





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Go Deep Study Guide

# **Trusting Jesus**

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#### **Getting Started**

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcventura.org

### **Going Deeper**

Re-read Luke 19:1-27. Try comparing two different translations.

Was there anything surprising or new that you learned from the sermon? What was most meaningful or significant for you? Why?

Was the historical background information helpful? How so?

What are the 2 distinctions in our passage that set it apart from other New Testament stories? (Hint: 1 distinctive in the Zaccheus story, and the other in the parable).

What was unusual about Zaccheus' actions? What information in our text reveals the lengths to which he went to see Jesus? Share a time in your life that you went to great lengths to see or meet with the Lord.

In verse 8 it says that Zaccheus *stood before* the Lord, and all of a sudden he is pledging to donate money to the poor and repay those whom he has cheated. What's going on here? And, what does it mean for us to continually *stand before* the Lord?

Read Luke 5:27-30. What possible connection might Levi/Matthew have had in leading Zaccheus to Jesus?

What does the Old Testament say about repaying debts (reimbursing those we have wronged)? Look up Leviticus 5:16 & Numbers 5:7. How did Zaccheus *go beyond* what the Law commanded?

How is the *Parable of the Talents* (Matthew 25:14-30) similar, yet different, compared to the parable within our passage this week? Discuss as a group what lessons we learn from each.

What has been entrusted to each one of us as believers? Look up 1 Thessalonians 2:4; 1 Timothy 1:11 & 6:20. What does this mean?

Read about how the spread of the Gospel caused the early church to grow! (Acts 1:15; 2:41; 4:4 & 5:28)

Talk about the difference between Jesus as *guest* and *Master*!

## **Application**

What is keeping you from making Jesus the Master/Lord of your life? What does it mean for you to surrender more fully to Him? What steps will you take? Who will hold you accountable & encourage you?

### <u>Prayer</u>

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.

