

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – January 22 - 27
Doing Life Together – State of the Church Stump Stories

MONDAY: 2 Chronicles 17:5,6 Mark 15:40

KEY VERSE: Luke 19: 1-4

OBSERVATION: Zacchaeus was not only a tax collector, but a chief tax collector-and men of his profession were despised among the Jews. This was not only due to man's natural hatred of taxes, but more so to the fact that the tax collector made his profit on whatever extra he could get away with charging his client. A tax collector was highly motivated to make the taxes as high as possible.

TUESDAY: Psalm 139:1-3, John 1:48,

KEY VERSE: Luke 19:5-6

OBSERVATION: Jesus knew the importance of a name. He said that He calls His sheep by name: To him the doorkeeper opens, and the sheep hear his voice; and he calls his own sheep by name and leads them out (John 10:3). In Revelation, we are promised a new name that only God and we know. When we get to heaven, there will be someone there who knows our name.

WEDNESDAY: Numbers 5:7, 2 Samuel 12:6

KEY VERSE: Luke 19:7-9

OBSERVATION: The priests of Jericho (it was a Levitical city) had probably often condemned Zacchaeus and called on him to give to the poor. But after meeting Jesus, such a sacrifice was done joyfully. Love for Jesus can motivate us for greater things than legalism, guilt, or manipulation can ever do.

THURSDAY: John 3:17, 1 Timothy 1:15

KEY VERSE: Luke 19:10

OBSERVATION: With this, Jesus explains why He extended friendship to a notorious sinner like Zacchaeus. Jesus came precisely to save people like Zacchaeus.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Luke 19:1-10

OBSERVATION: Perhaps you have heard the saying, "To reach the fruit of a tree, you must go out on a limb." That is what Zacchaeus did. The salvation he received is still available today. Follow his example by not allowing anything to prevent you from receiving all that God desires for your life.

SATURDAY: John 19:10, Matthew 18:12

KEY VERSE: Matthew 18:11

OBSERVATION: The work of the Son of Man in saving that which was lost is given as the ground of the assertion of the special glory of the angels of the little ones. They are, in their ministry, sharers in His work, and that work is the highest expression of the will of the Eternal Father.