



BAPTIST CHURCH

“Gospel Conversations 2”

Luke 19:1-10

Today we are continuing to examine **Luke 19:1-10** and the principles that lead to Gospel Conversations.

A Gospel Conversation is— the act of engaging people in casual conversations that lead to sharing the “Good News” of Jesus on some level.

The story of Zacchaeus found in **Luke 19:1-10** is one of the most important passages of Scripture in the New Testament regarding evangelism or “Gospel Conversations.”

As Jesus was passing through Jericho He demonstrated five principles that lead to Gospel Conversations.

“**Gospel Conversations**” become a priority in our life and in our church when we are:

1. Intentional

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” CSB

Gospel Conversations happens when we seek after those who are seeking— those who are searching for answers.

2. Redemptive

3. Relational

4. Attractive

5. Urgent

Scripture

“He entered Jericho and was passing through.

2 There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.

3 He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man.

4 So running ahead, he climbed up a sycamore tree to see Jesus, since he was about to pass that way.

5 When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down because today it is necessary for me to stay at your house.”

6 So he quickly came down and welcomed him joyfully.

7 All who saw it began to complain, “He’s gone to stay with a sinful man.”

8 But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look, I’ll give half of my possessions to the poor, Lord. And if I have extorted anything from anyone, I’ll pay back four times as much.”

9 “Today salvation has come to this house,” Jesus told him, “because he too is a son of Abraham.

10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost.” CSB

Quote of the Day

“Things which matter most must never be at the mercy of things which matter least.” — Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe

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Redemptive vv.7-9

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In **Luke 19:7-9** we discover two separate but competing spirits:

1. A Redemptive Spirit

2. A Spirit of Rejection

A Redemptive Spirit vv.7-9

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“Today salvation has come to this house . . .”

The word translated **“salvation”** comes from the Greek word **“Soteria”** meaning deliverance from impending death, redemption from the hand of the enemy.

“Gospel Conversations” become a priority in our life and in our church when we are Redemptive.

Redemptive means— to clear the debt, to regain possession of, to actively seek to save others from error or evil. To restore the worth, the value and reputation of someone.

Jesus had a redemptive spirit— He sought and is still seeking to save people who are far from God.

A Redemptive Spirit is a spirit that demonstrates Love, Mercy and Grace.

Jesus modeled a Redemptive Spirit!

Jesus treated sinners with Love and Grace.

Colossians 3:12-17 reveals Thirteen Qualities of a Redemptive Spirit.

Colossians 3:12-17 “. . . as God’s chosen ones, holy and dearly loved, **put on (to wear like clothing)** compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and forgiving one another if anyone has a grievance against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you are also to forgive. ¹⁴Above all, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ, to which you were also called in one body, rule your hearts. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell richly among you, in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another through psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” CSB

THIRTEEN QUALITIES OF A REDEMPTIVE SPIRIT

Compassion— Showing favor to others by extending mercy and grace.

Kindness— Beneficial, useful, helpful and generous.

Humility— Without arrogance. **Philippians 2:3-4** “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility consider others as more important than yourselves. ⁴ Everyone should look not to his own interests, but rather to the interests of others.” CSB

Gentleness— Considerate actions toward others in attitude, behavior and speech.

Patience— To receive persecution or trouble from others without becoming irritated, losing temper, becoming angry or acting out.

Forgiveness— A gracious attitude without anger or resentment toward someone for an offence or mistake.

Love— To show esteem for someone based on sincere appreciation and high regard.

Unity— Joined together, united, harmonious, fastened together.

Peace— To experience the presence of God that leads to tranquility, security and total well being.

Thankfulness— An attitude of gratefulness displayed toward God for His overwhelming goodness and blessings.

Wisdom— The ability to learn, understand and apply the principles of God’s Word to everyday life.

Praise— To celebrate God with verbal and physical expressions of thanksgiving.

Divine Motivation— v.17 “And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus . . .”

What does a Redemptive Spirit really look like?

It looks like Damien DeVeuster (1840-1889)!

Damien was a priest who became famous for his willingness to serve lepers. He moved to Kalawao—a village on the island of Molokai, in Hawaii, that had been quarantined to serve as a leper colony. For 16 years, he lived in their midst. He learned to speak their language. He bandaged their wounds, embraced the bodies no one else would touch, preached to hearts that would otherwise have been left alone. He organized schools, bands, and choirs. He built homes so that the lepers could have shelter. He built 2,000 coffins by hand so that, when they died, they could be buried with dignity. Slowly, it was said, Kalawao became a place to live rather than a place to die, for Father Damien offered hope.

Father Damien was not careful about keeping his distance. He did nothing to separate himself from his people. He dipped his fingers in the *poi* bowl along with the patients. He shared his pipe. He did not always wash his hands after bandaging open sores. He got close. For this, the people loved him.

Then one day he stood up and began his sermon with two words: "We lepers...."

Now he wasn't just helping them, he was one of them. From that day forward, he wasn't just on their island; he was in their skin. First he had chosen to live as they lived; now he would die as they died. Now they were bound by the same affliction. Citation: John Ortberg, [God Is Closer Than You Think](#) (Zondervan, 2005), p. 103-104

One day the Word (who is Jesus) came to Earth and made His dwelling among us. Jesus the Son of God became one us so He could seek and save us!

Gospel Conversations come from a Redemptive Spirit motivated by Love, Mercy and Grace!

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A Redemptive Spirit

2. A Spirit of Rejection v.7

All who saw “**it**” began to complain. CSB

All who saw Jesus go the sinners house and be the guest of Zacchaeus, **began to complain.**

The word translated “**complain**” comes from the Greek word “**Dia-gong-uzzo**” which means to express dissatisfaction emphatically, to grumble aloud, to murmur.

A Spirit of Rejection is a Critical, judgmental, Unredemptive spirit that condemns, finds fault, nitpicks and demonstrates disdain for others.

The Pharisee’s had a Spirit of Rejection— they rejected Jesus and they rejected sinners.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 “But know this: Hard times will come in the last days. 2 For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, proud, demeaning, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, 3 unloving, irreconcilable, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, without love for what is good, 4 traitors, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 holding to the form of godliness but denying its power. Avoid these people.” CSB

2 Timothy 3:1-5 reveals Nineteen Qualities of a Critical and Unredemptive Spirit of Rejection.

NINETEEN QUALITIES OF A CRITICAL AND UNREDEMPTIVE SPIRIT OF REJECTION

Selfish— Excessive, Insane love of oneself: Life is about Me, Here, Now.

Greedy— Excessive, Insane love of money, wealth and prosperity

Boastful— A person that makes much of themselves.

Proud— Excessive, Insane self-esteem, haughty, ostentatious, etc.

Demeaning— Exalting self while putting others down

Disobedient to Parents— Refusing to obey parental authority

Ungrateful— A spirit of entitlement, unthankful, I deserve what I want.

Unholy— Complete opposition to God, sinful, wicked, ruthless.

Unloving— Without human affection or love of others.

Irreconcilable— Hostile toward others with no hope of resolution.

Slanderers— Complainers who make false and damaging statements.

No Self-Control— Uncontrollable and without discipline.

Brutal— Wild, untamed, fierce, vicious and violent.

No Love for what is Good— No love for what is joyful, generous or agreeable.

Traitors— Without loyalty to anything

Reckless— Thoughtless, without care, head strong, rash and hasty.

Conceited— Highminded, Legend in my own mind, demented, crazy. Like Herod in **Acts 12**. Herod thought he was a god and he was eaten by worms.

Lovers of Pleasure— Excessive, Insane love of enjoyment, entertainment, self satisfaction without limits. I'm only young once. Live it up today for tomorrow we die!

Hypocrisy— Religious but not Righteous.

People who exhibit these qualities as a consistent part of their life will never see the good in others thus leading to a Critical Spirit of Rejection!

People who exhibit these qualities as a consistent part of their life will never have Divinely Motivated Gospel Conversations with others.

People who exhibit these qualities as a consistent part of their life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:19-21 “Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, moral impurity, promiscuity, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, factions, 21 envy,, drunkenness, carousing, and anything similar. I am warning you about these things—as I warned you before—**that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**” CSB

What does the Spirit of Rejection really look like?

It looks like the Spirit of Jezebel mentioned in **Revelation 2:19-27.**

The Spirit of Jezebel is the Spirit of Rejection

Revelation 2:19-27 “I know your works—your love, faithfulness, service, and endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first. 20 But I have this against you: You tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality. 22 Look, I will throw her into a sickbed and those who commit adultery with her into great affliction. Unless they repent of her works, 23 I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am the one who examines minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you according to your works. 24 I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who haven’t known “the so-called secrets of Satan”—as they say—I am not putting any other burden on you. 25 Only hold on to what you have until I come.” CSB

A Spirit of Rejection is a spirit that rejects righteousness from God’s Word but holds loosely to a personal form of religion. A Spirit of Rejection also rejects others, especially those in a position of spiritual influence or authority.

Anyone influenced by the Spirit of Rejection will never seek to have Divinely Motivated Gospel Conversations.

The Problem with the Church at Thyatira vv.19-20

Jesus said “**I know your works**” —

Jesus proclaimed words of encouragement for the church in Thyatira— They practiced love, faithfulness, served others and they were enduring in spite of being in a city where it was difficult to be a faithful witness.

Jesus praised the church at Thyatira because they were developing in their faith because their last works were greater than the first.

In spite of all the good they were doing Jesus said “**I have this against you— you tolerate the woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess and teaches and deceives my servants to commit sexual immorality and to eat meat sacrificed to idols.**”

For everything the church at Thyatira was doing right **their problem was tolerating troubled people who had the Spirit of Rejection.**

The Identity of the Jezebel Spirit v.20

There was a person in the church at Thyatira— most likely a woman or group of women who were damaging the church through wicked intentions, actions, communication, manipulation, deception and division.

You may have heard of Jezebel, but you probably have not heard of something known as a “**Jezebel spirit.**” The Scripture doesn’t specifically use the words “**Jezebel spirit,**” but both the Old and New Testaments have negative connotations and symbolism surrounding the name, Jezebel.

Such is the case in **Revelation 2:20.**

The term “**Jezebel Spirit**” is derived from King Ahab’s wife Jezebel.

Jezebel took the throne with King Ahab during a time of political uncertainty in Israel.

King Ahab reigned over Israel 22 years and is widely recognized as the most evil and wicked king in Israel's history.

I Kings 16:30-34 “But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the Lord's sight more than all who were before him. 31 Then, as if following the sin of Jeroboam son of Nebat were not enough, he married Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and then proceeded to serve Baal and bow in worship to him. 32 He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he had built in Samaria. 33 Ahab also made an Asherah pole. Ahab did more to anger the Lord God of Israel than all the kings of Israel who were before him.” CSB

King Ahab married Jezebel who is historically the most wicked woman mentioned in the Bible and one of the most wicked women in the history of the world.

In **1 Kings 18** Jezebel worshipped foreign idols and began worshipping them in Israel. **I Kings 18:4** Jezebel slaughtered the Lord's prophets. **I Kings 19** Jezebel threatened to kill the prophet Elijah. Jezebel murdered anyone who protested Baal worship in Israel. **I Kings 21-22** Jezebel had Naboth murdered to take possession of his vineyard and give it to her husband King Ahab.

A “**Jezebel Spirit**” is a wicked, cunning, manipulative, deceptive and divisive person or group of people that deceives, divides and destroys lives, families and churches.

The “**Jezebel Spirit**” can be found in both men and women alike. The Jezebel Spirit is found in those who are influenced by a Spirit of Rejection.

A Spirit of Rejection is a spirit that rejects righteousness from God's Word but holds loosely to personal form of religion. A Spirit of Rejection also rejects others, especially those in a position of spiritual influence or authority.

The “**Jezebel Spirit**” is not a person, it is a Spirit of Rejection that influences a person or group of people.

Ephesians 6:12 “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.” CSB

The Influence of the Jezebel Spirit vv.24-25

“I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who haven’t known “the so-called secrets of Satan”—as they say—I am not putting any other burden on you. ²⁵ Only hold on to what you have until I come.” CSB

The church at Thyatira was being influenced by a person or group of people with the “**Jezebel Spirit.**”

At first people who have a Jezebel Spirit are friendly, nice, easy to get along with and are Cooperative— then without warning they begin to manipulate, scheme and do whatever they need to do— to gain influence, seize power and take control.

People who have the spirit of Jezebel will befriend, lie, scheme, and manipulate people to gain influence, power and control.

The spirit of Jezebel is real and it is destroys lives.

The spirit of Jezebel is a destructive force among churches, families and marriages.

The spirit of Jezebel is also a destructive force among friends, on teams, in work places, and has ruined many servants of God.

I have seen the influence of a Jezebel Spirit many times in my life and until I began to study **Revelation 2 I not recognize it as a real, intentional and destructive force used by Satan to damage and destroy lives, families and churches.**

Several years ago a church where I was serving as pastor had a Jezebel spirit— This was a very difficult season in my life and the life of the church.

The influence this person had on the church was destructive and divisive.

Tell the story— Adamsville Baptist Church

After seeking wisdom from God in His Word and after much prayer— God led me to deal with the situation. It was ugly and it got worse before it got better. We dealt with it and once the person was gone from our church, the church started to recover and we experienced the power and presence of God in a mighty way upon our church.

Maybe, as I have been talking, there is someone in your life who is manipulating, scheming and trying to seize power and control your life.

Overcoming a Jezebel Spirit:

Four Steps to Overcoming a Jezebel Spirit

Recognize the influence of the Spirit of Rejection

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Prayer

Philippians 4:6-7 “Don’t worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.” CSB

Pray for wisdom, discernment, protection, patience and strength.

Confrontation

The Scripture is clear, if we have an issue or a problem with a person we must go to them and deal with the issue.

Matthew 18:15-20 “If your brother sins against you, go tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother. ¹⁶ But if he won’t listen, take one or two others with you, so that **by the testimony of two or three witnesses every fact may be established.** ¹⁷ If he doesn’t pay attention to them, tell the church. If he doesn’t pay attention even to the church, let him be like a Gentile and a tax collector to you. ¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will have been loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree about any matter that you pray for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them.” CSB

Confrontation is never easy but it is Biblical, it is necessary and it is productive.

If a person has a Jezebel Spirit they more than likely will oppose and reject confrontation regarding their behavior.

Faith

Hebrews 11:6 “Now without faith it is impossible to please God, since the one who draws near to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.” CSB

Trust God to provide the right attitude, the boldness, the faith, the right time, the right place and the right words to handle the situation in a manner that honors God.

Trust God and be patient— when we obey His Word He will work on our behalf to solve our problems.

*** If you want to know more about the Jezebel Spirit I would encourage you to go Robert Morris and his sermon titled “Stop Tolerating The Jezebel Spirit.”

“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.”

Urgent means— A condition that needs specific attention

Every passage of Scripture has Context, Truth and Application—

As we read **Luke 19:1-10** we must understand the Context— **“Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.”**

Jesus was passing through Jericho for the last time —

Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. At Jerusalem Jesus would experience His Triumphant entry— the whole crowd of His followers would cry out “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!” Jesus would submit to the Father’s Will in the Garden of Gethsemane. Judas would betray Him, the disciples would desert Him, He would be falsely accused, tried and sentenced to die. Just outside the walls of Jerusalem on a hill called Calvary—Jesus would die for the sins of the entire world.

King David said in **Psalm 39:4-5** Lord, make me to know my end, And what is the measure of my days, That I may know how frail I am. ⁵ Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, And my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor. NKJV

Moses in **Psalm 90:12** said— “So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom.” NKJV

We are passing through this life for the only time— there are no re-starts and no do-overs!

Ecclesiastes 9:10-12 “Whatever your hands find to do, do with all your strength, because there is no work, planning, knowledge, or wisdom in Sheol where you are going. ¹¹ Again I saw under the sun that the race is not to the swift, or the battle to the strong, or bread to the wise, or riches to the discerning, or favor to the skillful; rather, time and chance happen to all of them. ¹² For certainly no one knows his time: like fish

caught in a cruel net or like birds caught in a trap, so people are trapped in an evil time as it suddenly falls on them.” CSB

While we are passing through this life remember— Be Urgent

The Apostle Paul in I Corinthians 9:24-27 writes about winning the race.

We know we are winning when it doesn’t seem like we are winning because:

4. We Are Running with Urgency v.26

²⁶ So I do not run like one who runs aimlessly or box like one beating the air.

The term translated “**aimlessly**” comes from the Greek word “**adelos**” which means to wander, lack of focus, having no goals in mind.

Running with urgency means we are not running “aimlessly” and we are not “beating the air.”

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may be repaid for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. CSB

As we think about urgency we need to remember—

Time is limited our race is coming to an end— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Resources are too valuable to squander— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Opportunities are limited our race is coming to an end— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Relationships are important— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Every person will give an account of our life— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Eternity is forever— Don’t run aimlessly or beat our hands in the air.

Running with Urgency looks like William Borden—

Author Randy Alcorn recalled a two-month missions trip that he and his family took some years ago that included a visit to Egypt. While in Egypt, Alcorn's hosts took him to visit an abandoned graveyard located at the end of a garbage-lined alley. The host

pointed out one tombstone in particular—that of William Borden (1887-1913), heir to the Borden dairy estate. William was a millionaire by 21, but he renounced his fortune, giving nearly all his wealth to missions. His heart's desire was to take the gospel to Muslims in China. On his way to China, William stopped in Egypt to study Arabic, but four months later he contracted spinal meningitis and died at the age of 25. Alcorn writes: I dusted off the inscription on the headstone of Borden's grave. After describing his love for Christ and his commitment to and his love for the Muslim people; and his sacrifices for God's kingdom; the inscription ended with some words I wrote down on the spot—and I have never forgotten them to this day. The inscription ended with, "Apart from faith in Christ there is no explanation for such a life." Then Alcorn wrote, "And I thought, *Lord, what's the explanation for my life?*" Citation: *Randy Alcorn, "Money and the Disciple," 2004 Bethlehem Conference for Pastors.*

WE ARE WINNING WHEN WE RUN OUR RACE WITH URGENCY

Urgency— A situation that requires immediate action.

In March of 2007, in the Kuban region of southern Russia, at least 62 people were killed by a fire that quickly blazed through a home for the elderly. The greatest tragedy was that it could have been prevented. Authorities say a night watchman ignored two fire alarms. When the third alarm sounded, and the watchman saw flames, he finally took the necessary action for evacuation. Even then, other staffers were notably absent from their posts, making the escape effort nearly impossible in some cases. By the time fire authorities and rescue workers arrived, many residents had already died from smoke inhalation. Citation: Associated Press, "Fire kills 62 after alarms ignored," CNN.com (3-20-07)

I want to encourage you to continue to learn and discover God's Truth with us and to invite your family members, your friends, neighbors, co-workers and acquaintances to join us as we continue to examine the Priority of Disciple Making.

I hope you have a great week and thanks for joining us today on Light for Living.

"Making Disciples" becomes a priority in our life and in our church when we become:

Relevant vv.2-3

"There was a man named Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector, and he was rich.
³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but he was not able because of the crowd, since he was a short man."

Relevant means— being appropriate to the current time, being connected to people and or circumstances; understanding the times.

Jesus was relevant— He was connected to the world He was living in. He was connected to the people. Jesus understood, cared for, and had tremendous influence on the people of His time.

In the “Gospels” we discover three prominent features that made Jesus relevant to the people of His time.

I believe Zacchaeus “wanted to see Jesus” because:

The Message of Jesus Was Relevant— Matthew 7:28-29— Jesus spoke with authority

The Ministry of Jesus Was Relevant—

Mark 10:35-45 “James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached him and said, “Teacher, we want you to do whatever we ask you.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked them. ³⁷ They answered him, “Allow us to sit at your right and at your left in your glory.” ³⁸ Jesus said to them, “You don’t know what you’re asking. Are you able to drink the cup I drink or to be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹ “We are able,” they told him. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with. ⁴⁰ But to sit at my right or left is not mine to give; instead, it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten disciples heard this, they began to be indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them over and said to them, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions act as tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you will be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first among you will be a slave to all. ⁴⁵ **For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.**” CSB

The Miracles of Jesus were Relevant

“Making Disciples” becomes a priority in our life and in our church when we become Relevant— Closely connected to the world we live in.

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Relational vv.4-6

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Relational means— the way in which one person reacts or behaves toward another person.

Jesus was highly relational because He loved and cared for people.

The Scripture is clear:

**Jesus Looked for Zacchaeus—
Jesus Saw Zacchaeus—**

Jesus Spoke to Zacchaeus—

Jesus Spent time with Zacchaeus—

While we are passing through this life remember— Be Relational

“Making Disciples” becomes a priority in our life and in our church when we become: