

## Bible chat week starting 30 6 22

Luke 19:1-10 NIV

*[1] ... Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. [2] A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. [3] He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. [4] So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. [5] When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." [6] So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. [7] All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." [8] But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." [9] Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. [10] For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost ." ...*

1. David spoke of three ways of seeing someone: superficially, critically and lovingly. How does Zacchaeus look in each of these three ways?
2. How come Jesus effects change in Zacchaeus? What is the evidence that salvation has come to Zacchaeus' house? Could that change result from the way that Jesus looked at him?
3. In which of the three ways do you typically view a politician? Is there any advantage in viewing them in other ways? Can't we view them in all three ways at once?
4. In Isaiah 1 we heard of worship disconnected from a concern for justice. This sin was as obvious as scarlet! How might a prophet view our church's worship with a critical eye? How might Jesus view our worship through the eyes of love?
5. In which of the three ways of seeing do you look at yourself? Why, and is there any benefit from looking in the other ways too?
6. If a fellow church member makes an error, how should we look at them?