

COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE

Seeking, Saving, Slaughtering

LUKE 19:1-27

OVERVIEW

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinners. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe Jesus' claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

APPLY // LUKE 18:18-43

1. Read Luke 18:18-43.
2. Briefly discuss the differences between the rich ruler and blind beggar.
3. What are you/we tempted to treasure more than Jesus and his Kingdom?
4. Share how the mercies of Christ have so ministered to you so as to see the beauty of Jesus more clearly.

OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 19:1-27

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

Overview/Big Idea: Jesus came to seek and to save the lost—we're called to faithfully steward all he gives us as we join him that mission.

1. Read Luke 19:1-10.
2. In verses 1-2, what do we learn about Zacchaeus? What's the significance that he's a tax collector? What's the significance that he's rich?
3. In verse 3, what does it mean that Zacchaeus was "seeking to see who Jesus was"?
4. Jesus tells Zacchaeus he must stay at his house. How does Zacchaeus respond in verse 6? How do others respond? Who is the "they"? Why do "they all grumble"?
5. What do we learn about Zacchaeus' heart/faith in verse 8? What does Zacchaeus do? What does this tell us about repentance?
6. In verse 9, what does it mean "Today salvation has come to this house"?
7. Verse 10 explodes with meaning and significance. Why is it necessary for the Jesus, the son of Man, to both seek and to save? What does this verse tell us about the mission of Jesus?
8. Read Luke 19:11-27.

9. What's the main point of this parable?
10. In verse 11, Luke gives us two "because" statements that inform why Jesus tells this parable. What are those statements and how do they inform the motivation for Jesus' teaching?
11. How does this parable flow from the preceding verses (both those in chapter 19 and 18)?
12. The first two servants receive commendation. Why?
13. The third servant received condemnation. Why?
14. What does the master's response to the servants teach us about God's character?
15. What truths in these verses help us treasure Christ Jesus?

- General Bible study questions:
 - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
 - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
 - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
 - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
 - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

QUESTION: Do you notice an increasing desire to see Jesus not just get eternal life?