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Sermon Notes

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To Seek and to Save

Luke 19:10

I. The Most Purposeful Being in History

A. “The Purpose Driven Life”: Only One Perfect Fulfillment

1. Socrates, on trial for his life in 399 B.C spoke his most quoted line:

“The unexamined life is not worth living.”

2. It is good for us to ask every day, “Why am I alive?” “O Lord, what would you have me do today?”

3. FBC purpose statement

“We exist to delight in, display and declare the glory of God, equipping others to do the same through Jesus Christ.”

4. My desire is that each one of you face this question today: Why am I alive?

5. Rick Warren’s best-selling book *The Purpose Driven Life*; sold over 30 million copies worldwide; over 400,000 pastors trained

6. Many churches did “Forty days of purpose”... seeking to answer the central question “What on earth am I here for?”

7. Helpful to ask overarching purpose questions

8. No one in the history of the world has had a more intense focus on His purpose than Jesus Christ

a. More intensely focused than a special operations team whose mission is to rescue a diplomat being held by terrorists

b. More intensely focused than a woman in labor, about to give birth to her first child

c. More intensely focused than a relief pitcher in the bottom of the ninth of the seventh game of the World Series

- d. More intensely focused than a lawyer rising to give his closing statement at a murder trial
- e. Every moment of Jesus' life was focused on this one truth

Luke 19:10 the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost. "

B. Many Purpose Statements, One Central Mission

John 3:16-17 "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

Mark 1:38-39 Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else-- to the nearby villages-- so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." ³⁹ So he traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

John 18:37 "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

Matthew 20:28 the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Timothy 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

1. Summing up: Christ came into the world for a very definite purpose
2. That purpose was stated many times and in various ways
3. The bottom line was simple: Christ came into the world to save sinners by dying on the cross and by redeeming them from everything sin had done to them; to save them completely from sin, transforming them and bringing them into His heavenly Kingdom
4. Christ NEVER lost sight of that purpose... it was the food He ate, the very air He breathed
5. Every day of His life, He kept in front of Him: "Why am I here? Why have I come? What is my purpose?" And nothing deterred Him from it

C. Immediate Application: Is Your Purpose Lined Up with His?

1. Why are you alive? What is your purpose in life? Why do you get up in the morning and go to work? What is the one thing you hope your life will achieve?

2. Why are we here as a church? What is our purpose? What is our reason for existence? Why do we meet here on Sunday week after week, year after year? What mission lies in front of this church?
3. Is your purpose individually lined up with Jesus'? Is our purpose as a church lined up with Jesus'? Because if not, we are WASTING OUR TIME!!!
4. As we begin 2007, I am convinced more than ever before that we must SEEK and SAVE the lost in order to be aligned with what Christ is still doing in the world!
5. That is the purpose of my sermon this morning.
6. As I look at FBC, I yearn to see more and more people baptized, more and more people brought from being lost to being mature disciples of Christ... I am convinced this will only happen if we decide consciously to make a commitment to SEEKING lost people throughout the week... I want to make Luke 19:10 a BANNER across the church for the whole year

Luke 19:10 the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

II. Zacchaeus Was Lost

A. Who Was Zaccheus?

Vs. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy.

1. Tax collector
 - a. Jews who act as Roman front men
 - b. They were among the most hated people on the planet at the time
 - c. Roman taxation began with the conquest of Palestine in 63 B.C.; it was for taxation purposes that Caesar Augustus decreed that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world that led to Joseph and Mary going to Bethlehem
 - d. Jesus was asked one of the most controversial questions of his day when, trying to trap him, the Pharisees asked if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not
 - e. But Caesar was remote, the tax collectors were Jewish neighbors of the worst kind; robbing the people by charging excess tax money and flaunting their wealth with large estates and riotous parties, all the while backed by Roman muscle if anyone should harm the tax collectors in any way

2. Chief Tax Collector

- a. Not only was Zaccheus a tax collector, but the text tells us he was a CHIEF
- b. This probably meant that other smaller tax collectors reported to him and that he collected a commission from each of them
- c. This made him far wealthier than any of them
- d. This also meant he was a strong leader and a genuinely hardened collaborator with Rome
- e. This brought him into direct and constant contact with Gentiles, so that he was incessantly ritually unclean, like a leper would be
- f. It had probably been years since he'd been to the synagogue or the temple for worship
- g. His life consisted of business and pleasure, and both constantly violated his conscience and made him hated by his countrymen
- h. Undoubtedly Zacchaeus was a man used to being hated and rejected by his own people; undoubtedly it had made his heart hardened both against them and against God

B. How Was Zacchaeus Lost?

1. Hardened heart; constantly violated conscience
2. Swindling people, stealing from widows and their children; taking advantage of poor people who can't resist him or fight him
3. Idolater: greedy for gain, rich in things, bankrupt toward God
4. What does it mean to be "lost"?
5. Three Parables of Luke 15
 - Lost sheep; Lost coin; Lost son (Prodigal Son)
6. In all three cases: something valuable separated from the one doing the searching
7. Picture of human beings in sin... SEPARATED FROM GOD
8. Being lost: Lost your way; can't find your way home

Illus. A few years ago I read a heartbreaking story about a young boy who was lost in a blizzard and froze to death less than a mile from his backyard. But that picture is nowhere near as heartbreaking as people who are lost spiritually

C. Lost to God; Lost in Sin

Ephesians 2:1-12 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, ² in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. ³ All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.... without hope and without God in the world.

D. Future Lostness: Eternity in Hell

1. Zacchaeus's lostness in life was hard enough to bear: the purposelessness, the constant violation of his conscience,
2. Zacchaeus was facing an even graver threat: eternity suffering in hell for his sins; LOST ETERNALLY

III. Christ Came to Seek Zacchaeus

HOW did Christ SEEK Zaccheus? I want to look at this rich text and find twelve ways; and I want to stop and apply each one of them as we go along... so this time we'll have our applications AS WE GO, not just all at the end, okay?

A. (#1) By Entering the World

1. Just celebrated Christmas, the mystery of the incarnation
2. Nothing could be clearer than this: Christ entered the world to save sinners

1 Timothy 1:15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the worst.

3. The body God prepared for Christ in Mary's womb was to be broken and poured out at Calvary's cross
4. Jesus never forgot why he'd been born... he entered the world at least in part for this one thing: to save Zacchaeus from his sins

Application: This is the easiest one of the twelve... you are already here, already in the world; you, like Jesus were BORN!!! You are in the world

B. (#2) By Establishing a Reputation as a Powerful Friend of Sinners

1. The Holy Son of God, before whom the angels hide their faces, came to be a friend of sinners
2. The Judge of All the Earth who will decide the eternal fate of every human being who has ever lived or ever will live
 - a. Thus His credentials for righteousness and hatred of sin are impeccable
 - b. No legalistic Pharisee ever cared more about sin and justice than did Jesus
3. BUT He was also the friend of tax collectors and sinners
 - a. Willing to associate freely with unclean sinners
 - b. Willing to have a prostitute wash his feet with her tears and dry them with her hair
 - c. Willing to protect a woman caught right in the act of adultery, and then challenge her: **“Go now and sin no more”**
 - d. This was Jesus, the greatest friend of sinners who ever lived

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
 Jesus! Lover of my soul;
 Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
 He, my Savior, makes me whole.

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
 Hallelujah! what a Friend!
 Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
 He is with me to the end.

4. By the time Jesus entered Jericho in Luke 19, he had already established His reputation as a “Friend of Tax Collectors and Sinners”
 - a. That reputation had cost Him dearly
 - b. They assumed He was as wicked as they were... his enemies said

, *'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and "sinners."*

- c. “Guilt by association”
 - i) Jesus was NO glutton
 - ii) Jesus NEVER got drunk
 - iii) BUT they assumed He did simply because He hung out with people who did

d. But Jesus defended His reputation vigorously

Luke 5:30-32 the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" ³¹ Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ³² I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

So... by the time Jesus came to Jericho in Luke 19, Zacchaeus had already heard of this "friend of tax collectors" and perhaps hope sprung in his heart that there might be mercy for him, there might be a chance for him to find his way back to God

Jesus' well-earned reputation preceded him

Application: What about you? Do you have a reputation as someone who is a friend to sinners in the same way Jesus was? Do you have a reputation as a godly person, who hates sin, but who deeply loves sinners? Do you have a reputation for good works and for tender compassion for broken people around you? If not, what could you do over the next three months to begin changing your reputation?

C. (#3) By Coming to Jericho, a Cursed City

Luke 19:1 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through.

1. Jericho was the first city Joshua conquered when he entered the Promised Land
2. Joshua cursed the city after it was conquered:

Joshua 6:26 At that time Joshua pronounced this solemn oath: "Cursed before the LORD is the man who undertakes to rebuild this city, Jericho: "At the cost of his firstborn son will he lay its foundations; at the cost of his youngest will he set up its gates."

3. Jesus was willing to go to a cursed city... a city under the curse of the Lord; and to bless it with his presence
4. There is no place on earth Jesus wouldn't have gone to save His elect, to rescue His sheep, to call them by name

Application: Are you willing to leave a comfortable, neat, well-ordered bubble and go to places that are ugly or messy or affected by sin? I think of the City Soleil in Haiti, a massive tent city of exceptionally poor people outside Port au Prince, Haiti. Would you be willing to go there to seek the lost? How about closer to home... just inner city Durham? Or even the home of a non-Christian fellow worker who may have a drinking problem and whose wife is leaving him as a result. His home may be messy and smelly? Are you willing to go there? What about a hospital ministry or nursing home ministry which can have some repulsive sights and sounds? Are you willing to go there to seek and save the lost?

D. (#4) By Baiting the Hook

1. Jesus said to His disciples:

Matthew 4:19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

2. "Baiting the hook" means to make the gospel attractive, to make it appealing
3. Jesus was a fascinating person, and He lived the most fascinating life in the history of humanity
4. He baited the hook by His amazing teachings, His fascinating parables, His bright shining holiness
5. BUT ESPECIALLY by His miracles: His miracles were of endless appeal, of endless interest... not just to the sick
6. Even His enemies wanted to see miraculous signs

Matthew 12:38 Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you."

Luke 23:8 When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform some miracle.

7. Just as Jesus was entering Jericho, he healed a blind man, thus attracting a huge crowd (see Luke 18:35-43)
8. It was this huge crowd that made it impossible for a short man like Zaccheus to see Jesus... it also greatly heightened the excitement and made Zaccheus even more eager to be near Jesus

Application: I will speak much more about this next week... but , do you know how to make the gospel attractive to a lost person? To ask probing questions that don't offend someone but draw them into conversation about spiritual things? Do you know how to make the gospel attractive by doing sacrificial acts of kindness to hurting and needy people?

E. (#5) By Being Interruptible

1. Jesus was on the most important mission in history: He was going up to Jerusalem to die for the sins of the world
2. Total focus on His purpose meant one thing: death in Jerusalem on a cross
3. Luke 13-20: A Long, Hard Journey Uphill to Jerusalem
4. The phrase repeated again and again... the disciples were amazed at His relentless determination to go up to Jerusalem

Right before entering Jericho:

Luke 18:31-33 Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them, "We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets about the Son of Man will be fulfilled. ³² He will be handed over to the Gentiles. They will mock him, insult him, spit on him, flog him and kill him. ³³ On the third day he will rise again."

5. Jesus, the most purpose-driven person in history was driving Himself to the most important errand in history
6. YET He had time to stop at a sycamore fig tree and deal with a single man, a sinner named Zacchaeus
7. Over and over you can see Jesus interruptible, willing to stop what He was doing to minister to even the most insignificant people

Application: What about you? We Americans tend to pride ourselves on the intense busyness of our lives! We load them up with activities and achievements and business trips and formational activities for the kids—music lessons, athletic events, sightseeing trips. But Jesus was amazingly the most focused AND the most interruptible person in history. Just about every time a needy person came to Him, Jesus stopped what He was doing and dealt one on one with that person. Are you interruptible? Do you EXPECT to be interrupted by lost people and WELCOME that interruption when it comes to get to spiritual matters?

F. (#6) By Looking at Zacchaeus and Focusing on Him, Calling Him by Name

Luke 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

1. Jesus' greatest gift: to look at our case, to look directly at our lives, to weigh our souls, to deal with our case

Illus. *Treasures of the Snow*, beloved children's story by Patricia St. John, set high in the Swiss Alps; a boy named Lucien is a trouble-maker, and when he harasses a younger boy, Dani by threatening to throw Dani's cat over a cliff, Dani himself falls off the cliff and is crippled. Lucien is desperate to make things right again and hears about a famous doctor, a specialist from Geneva who might be able to heal Dani's crippled leg. Lucien gets a generous donation of money from an old wood carver and sets out in a snowstorm through the rugged mountain pass at night to see the famous doctor. All of the effort, and all of the suffering and all of the money he brings are for one purpose: that the great doctor would simply LOOK at Dani's crippled leg, deal with his case, focus on him and assess what he could do for Him

2. Jesus gave Zacchaeus a great gift: He focused on him, looked at Him, addressed His life and His situation
3. Jesus, by looking at Zacchaeus, knew everything about him... for he could see into his heart... all the pain and hurt, all the rejection and rebellion, all the

hardness and sin, all the pleasure-seeking and emptiness... all this simply by LOOKING at Zacchaeus

4. Jesus stopped and looked up at Zacchaeus, and called him by name

John 10:3 The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

Application: WE HAVE BLINDERS: “willful ignorance” we go through life closed off from the suffering of others, their pain, their case. Are you willing to open your eyes to what their true heart needs are? COUNSELING MINISTRY may be the best way to do this... we have been developing a BIBLICAL COUNSELING ministry here and hope eventually to see it as a powerful tool for ministering to hurting people in Durham... people who are getting their needs poorly met or medicated by non-Christian counselors... perhaps you could prepare yourself today to counsel hurting lost people two years from now

G. (#7) By Taking the Initiative

Luke 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

1. Zacchaeus was probably content to have Jesus simply pass by and to get a good look at the famous healer
2. Jesus wanted far more than that
3. Jesus TOOK THE INITIATIVE... He is the Good Shepherd going to look for the sheep that wandered off
4. Jesus is the SEEKER here... He is coming to SEEK and to SAVE; the lost sheep isn't going to seek the shepherd, though he desperately needs the shepherd
5. No, the Good Shepherd must come and SEEK the lost sheep; this means the Good Shepherd must take the initiative and come find Zacchaeus
6. Jesus INVITED HIMSELF OVER for dinner... usually rude, usually bad manners, but not in this case
7. Frankly, Jesus really wants to invite Zacchaeus over for an eternal dinner, the wedding banquet of the Lamb in the Kingdom of Heaven; but first, He has to take the initiative and get involved in Zacchaeus's life

Application: Do you take the initiative spiritually with lost people? Are you willing to cross the office and purposefully meet the new employee for the eventual purpose of sharing the gospel with them? Are you willing to meet new neighbors and show them hospitality for the same purpose? Do you take the initiative? Or are you waiting for them to come up to you and say

“Excuse me, my name is John Smith and I am spiritually lost. Would you be willing to tell me how to become a Christian?” You may wait the rest of your life for that!!

H. (#8) By Having a Sense of Urgency

1. Notice Jesus’ words:

Luke 19:5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."

2. Tremendous sense of urgency
3. Always in Jesus, a sense of the immense urgency over souls
 - John 3: Nicodemus comes to see Him; Jesus’ first words to him are “You must be born again”
4. So Jesus had IMMENSE urgency with Zaccheus
5. This will be the only time he can make an impact on Zaccheus; actually Jesus knows full well He will be crucified in Jerusalem in less than two weeks
6. Oh how we squander time!! Oh how lavishly we waste the minutes and hours and days and years
7. Jesus’ public ministry was only about three years; Jesus’ whole life was only about 33 years
8. There was NO TIME TO WASTE; nor is there time to waste now

Application: Do you have a sense of urgency about evangelism? A sense that today may be the last chance you get to speak to a relative about Christ? Or that you have been procrastinating on getting involved in missions to unreached people groups? Do you have plans to increase your involvement in missions immediately or are you waiting for next year? Do you have a sense of urgency with strangers, thinking “This is my last chance to speak to this person about Christ?”

Great Evangelist George Whitefield: “God forbid that I should travel with a stranger for more than a quarter of an hour and not speak to him about Christ.” URGENCY

I. (#9) By Being Willing to Associate with Lowly Sinners

1. Zaccheus wasn’t just any sinner... He was a RICH CHIEF TAX COLLECTOR
2. Almost universally hated by his neighbors
3. Why would Jesus want to eat a meal with such a man? We could easily imagine IT WOULD BE REPULSIVE to sit at table with a pleasure-feaster like Zaccheus to someone as holy as Jesus

4. NOT SO... Jesus was willing not only to converse with Zaccheus but to go into his house, sit at his table and eat food that had been bought with the tax money he'd taken from his neighbors
5. Thank God Jesus is willing to associate with the lowest AND the highest
6. Zaccheus was a rich and powerful man, thus was of the highest
7. Zaccheus was a tax collector and a sinner, thus was of the lowest
8. Jesus is Savior to both kings and peasants, to people of every walk of life

Application: Are you willing to associate with people different than yourself? Are you willing to reach out across racial and economic lines and build relationships for the sake of the gospel? Until we close the gap between us and unchurched people by our willingness to imitate Jesus we will not see many people saved!!

J. (#10) By Being Confident in God's Power to Save

1. Amazingly, in just the previous chapter (Luke 18) Jesus had dealt with the rich young ruler
2. He had challenged him to sell all his possessions and give to the poor, so that he could have treasure in heaven; then "Come follow me" he said; the rich young ruler refused and went away sad, since he had great wealth
3. Jesus made an amazing but true statement:

Luke 18:24-27 Jesus looked at him and said, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵ Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶ Those who heard this asked, "Who then can be saved?" ²⁷ Jesus replied, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

4. Yet here is Jesus, seeking to save a RICH man, Zaccheus!
5. No one is beyond the saving power of God... Jesus was willing to seek Zaccheus because He knew God could save him

"What is impossible with men is possible with God."

6. How frequently we rule out certain people because we think they could never accept the gospel
 - a. We rule out a CEO of a Fortune 500 company... he would never be interested in the gospel
 - b. We rule out a Muslim with extremist political convictions ... he would never be interested in the gospel

- c. We rule out a hard-core feminist lesbian earth-goddess worshiper running a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic in New York City... she would never be interested in the gospel
- d. NEVER RULE ANYONE OUT
- e. Zaccheus would be among those the disciples would have ruled out immediately... Jesus didn't

"What is impossible with men is possible with God."

K. (#11) By Seeing God's Work in Zacchaeus's Heart

- 1. Jesus saw in the eagerness of Zaccheus to have him over to his house the work of God in his heart

Luke 19:6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

- 2. Zaccheus's glad reaction shows the previous work of God in his heart
- 3. Jesus saw it even more when Zaccheus repented of his sins, trusted in Christ, and gladly brought forth immediately the fruit of his new salvation... more on that in a moment

Application: Can you ask God to make you specially aware of the work God has already been doing in someone's life? Henry Blackaby's marvelous book *Experiencing God* made this a foundational principle of outreach: see where God is already at work, and join Him in the work. The co-worker has a new baby and says to you, "I've been meaning to get back to church now that I have a baby—what do you think?" JUMP ON THAT!! A stranger next to you at a state park says "Is this sunset a beautiful sight?" JUMP ON THAT for Christ!!

L. (#12) By Being Willing to Pay the Price for Seeking

Luke 19:7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

- 1. Now Jesus has to pay an even higher price, the price to save Zaccheus

Application: There is a COST to being active in seeking and saving the lost... it will inconvenience you... people will say mean things about you... you will be slandered and misunderstood... people will get angry when you tell them their good deeds will not save them, and that their sin will take them to hell if they don't repent... they will be angry if you say Jesus is the only way to God... are you willing to pay the price??

Now, Christ paid the ultimate price for saving Zacchaeus... His own blood

IV. Christ Came to Save Zacchaeus

A. Seeking is NOT Enough: Christ Came to Save

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

B. By Convicting Zacchaeus of His Sin

1. No record spoken of this in the account
2. However, Jesus' personal holiness was never compromised by His close fellowship with sinners
3. He loves sinners too much to leave them in sin
4. Soon into the meal Zaccheus will feel the sting of conviction concerning his love of money, his hatred of the poor, his idolatry, his lack of faith and trust in the God of Abraham
5. His mouth will speak what his heart feels with great pain: I HAVE CHEATED MY FELLOW JEWS AND LIVED A RICH LIFE AT THEIR EXPENSE

C. By Working Faith and Repentance in Zacchaeus's Heart

Luke 19:8 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."

1. He calls him "Lord", acknowledging Jesus' deity and His role as ruler over all the earth
2. He repented of his usury and greed and hatred of the poor and his idolatry of wealth
3. He brought forth fruit in keeping with repentance
4. All of this was a gift of the Savior, and Zaccheus can take NO CREDIT for it

D. By Rejoicing Over Zacchaeus's Tiny Seed of Faith

1. Others might have questioned Zaccheus's sincerity; I probably would have
 - a. Zaccheus gave a general statement of wrongdoing, but didn't directly admit to anything
 - b. "IF I have cheated anybody out of anything"???
 - c. In Ken Sande's *Peacemaker*, he specifically speaks against this kind of general apology
 - d. Jesus simply accepted it, because He could see into Zaccheus's true intentions

- e. The work of God on this man's heart was plain to Jesus
- 2. Jesus didn't have to wait years to see the effect of the work of God in Zaccheus's heart; as Judge of all the Earth He made an immediate pronouncement over Zaccheus's soul

Luke 19:9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.

E. By Assuring Zacchaeus of Salvation (based on an IOU)

- 1. What a GLAD word Jesus spoke at that moment... a word that must have melted Zaccheus's heart and amazed Jesus' disciples
- 2. SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS HOUSE
 - a. All Zaccheus's sins are forgiven
 - b. Zaccheus's heart has been transformed
 - c. Zaccheus's life will soon follow suit
 - d. Zaccheus's destiny is set: it will be heaven and not hell!!
 - e. Zaccheus's role as a welcomed family member (a son of Abraham) is established forever

F. By Paying the Price (the IOU) for Zacchaeus's Sins

- 1. Jesus has done the SEEKING... now He must do the SAVING
- 2. Jesus will pay for this promise in His OWN BLOOD a little more than a week later
- 3. He will carry Zaccheus's sins with Him to the cross, and He will pay Zaccheus's infinite debt with His own blood
- 4. God will pour out Zaccheus's earned wrath, but not on Zaccheus... rather, Jesus will stand up and take Zaccheus's punishment of wrath and drink it dry

V. Application:

One last application to FBC church members... become a CONNECTION PARTNER in our outreach to guests who come every week to FBC... we need as many of you as possible to be willing to visit guests and, if needed, share the gospel with them

we will have an Orientation and Training Session for what we are calling "Connection Partners" next Sunday, January 14, at 4:30pm in the Conference room. At that time, you will gain all the tools you need to reach out effectively with the love of Christ.

Eric Campbell will be directing this ministry, and he would be glad to meet with you and answer any questions you may have. He will be available in the Parlor (outside this door, on the left) after worship this morning if you desire more information. I look forward to many of you responding!

I have been speaking to Christians... now to the lost

COME TO CHRIST!!