

## OUT ON A LIMB FOR JESUS

Luke 19:1-10

*Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. <sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. <sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.” <sup>8</sup>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.” <sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”*

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Jesus came to seek and save the lost. And after we've been found and saved, Jesus calls us to go out on a limb to seek the lost and introduce them to Jesus.

**This passage challenges us in two specific ways:**

### ➤ JESUS WAS INVOLVED WITH PEOPLE

- We must go. Let's get out of our comfort zone.
- We must see. Notice the individual, not just the crowd.
- We must care. It takes time.

**QUESTION:** How many non-believers are you in relationship with?

**QUESTION:** What can you do to get involved in the lives of people?

### ➤ JESUS WAS INTENTIONAL

- We must eliminate barriers. Treat them with **r**espect.
- We must build **r**elationships as a bridge between them and Jesus.
- We must be intentional in bringing them to a **r**esponse.

**QUESTION:** What are the barriers (internal and external) that keep us from building relationships with those who need Jesus?

**QUESTION:** What's one action I can take this week to “go out on a limb” for Jesus?