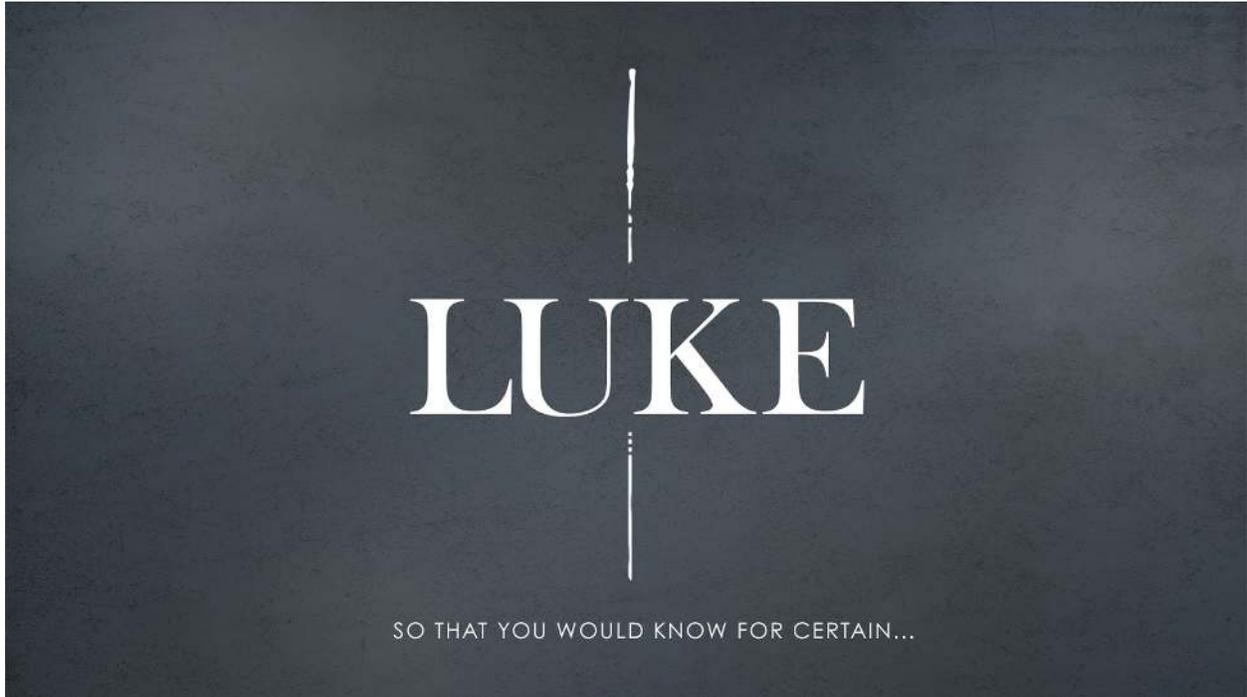


Application Questions

Desperate For Jesus

Luke 19:1-27



Because of Zaccheus' desperate need to see Jesus, he allowed nothing to stand in his way. And because of his desperation, he was met with compassion and mercy. How desperate are you to see Jesus?

Read LUKE 19:1-27

- 1) Have you ever been convinced or convinced yourself that once you had _____, you would be happy? Can you share with the group what that thing was and if it truly made you forever happy? How quickly did you realize that it wasn't that thing, and convinced yourself that it was something else?
 - 2) Zaccheus most likely was at a place that his wealth and everything he attained proved to not be enough or able to fill the void in his life. In the story- what kind of desperation do you see from Zaccheus?
 - 3) Zaccheus was willing to put all pride aside to clearly see Jesus. If you were to name *the* thing that is keeping you from getting a clear or *clearer* view of Jesus, what would it be? (This
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doesn't have to be a judgemental question. Even the best athletes and musicians are constantly identifying things that would allow them to get better.- What are those things for you?)

- 4) Jesus requests to go to Zaccheus' house, where his wealth and corruption would be on full display. Have you ever been hesitant to allow Jesus access to places you knew were a little dark in your life? What does that say about your view of Jesus?
- 5) ****Maybe in a more close/gender specific group****- What are the place you need to completely submit to Jesus to find freedom? How can the rest of the group help point you toward Jesus in that area of your life?
- 6) Jesus told the story of three characters with allegiance, neglect, or treason, towards his throne. What do you think these positions look like in our context today?
- 7) Which best describes where you are in the story?