

"Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

(Luke 19:1-6)

1) We all want to be seen.

We all know the pain of being overlooked.

2) Jesus <u>loves</u> and <u>accepts</u> us where we're at.

"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." 9Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:8-10)

Real change happens by *people* loving people like *Jesus*.

3) We are a church that *looks* over.

A church where everyone is <u>seen</u>, known and <u>cared</u> for.