

**I. Synopsis**

Jesus demonstrates His costly love for an unlikely person in this narrative. As the person receives this costly love, we have insight as to how his heart is transformed. His behavior reveals his new adventure of being a disciple of Christ.

**II. Ice Breaker Question**

Have you been employed in a company that has invested in you as their employee? How did the company invest in you? How did you respond to their investment?

**III. Scripture:** Luke 19:1-10 (ESV)

**IV. Discussion Questions**

1. In Middle Eastern culture, the leaders of the town would decide whose home a traveler would be hosted. As the culture is community oriented, the type of hospitality a guest receives is a reflection on the entire town. Discuss the different responses of Jesus' initiative to go to Zacchaeus' home. Why do you suppose there are varied responses?
2. Jesus states, "Today salvation has come to this house" Luke 19:9, referring to Zacchaeus. How is this possible? We are reminded of our job description found in Micah, "What does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly before your God." 6:8. How does Zacchaeus demonstrate this behavior?
3. One theologian states the church is not full of perfect people, but forgiven people. Do you agree with this statement? Explain. How does Jesus' costly love for you impact the way you and the church love others.