

Christmas at the Movies-Elf December 10, 2023

DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 5 day plan on your own or with your group.

Evangelism: Loving God, Loving Others

INSPIRATION

"God, where do I fit in? This question is huge as we navigate life. Despite our age, we all desire to fit in somewhere. This isn't wrong, as God made us to have community with one another. The struggle is that we make it hard on each other to fit in." (City Church for all Nations)

ICE BREAKER

- Share a time when you felt like you didn't fit in.
- What helps you to feel like you fit into church?

DEEP DIVE

Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

"One of the things I really love about the church is that it is for everyone. Jesus was so great at making sure that people who felt like they didn't belong on the outside looking in."

Read and then answer the following questions:

- According to these verses, what do you learn about human nature?
- What are some ways we engage in this sort of fickle behavior as it relates to particular people, events or places? Why and when are we tempted to talk about something one way and then another way (out both sides of our mouth)?
- According to Matthew 11:19 wisdom is shown to be right by its results. What would right speech and right actions for others look like? What would be the results?



Read this out loud:

An excerpt from the message this week:

"When you meet Jesus, he can change your life. He really can. He has that kind of power. He has that kind of love."

Read Luke 19: 1-10 and then answer the following questions:

- How would you describe what actions Zacchaeus took to see Jesus?
- How did Jesus respond to Zacchaeus? Why were the people displeased with his action?
- Remember Matthew 11:19 says that wisdom is shown right by her results. As a result of meeting Jesus, what was Zacchaeus' right action?
- According to verse 10, what was Jesus' main action? How are we to imitate this type of action? What would be the result if we did?

Additional Study

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- John 14:6
- John, 15:13
- Luke 10:26–28

NEXT STEP

What group of people or person do you know that struggles to fit in? Why do they struggle? How is Jesus the answer to their struggle?

How can you show Jesus' love to those who struggle to fit in? What is a practical example in your day to day life? How can you help others fit into church?

PRAYER

Pray for Jesus to show you who needs to fit into the church.

Pray for one person in your group to take their next steps.