

SC Church 10.25.2026

We are South County
Growing the Kingdom

- A. Intro: What is a product or invention that has radically changed your life?
 - a. What about this phrase, “Jesus saves!”
 - i. Matthew 28:19 NLT – ¹⁹“Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”
- B. Big Idea: God wants to use you to bring people to Him.
- C. Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 NLT – Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, “I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!” ⁹ Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”
- D. How can we expect God to use us to Grow His Kingdom?
 - a. Through Everyday Connections
 - i. Luke 19:1 NLT – Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town.
 - b. By Keeping our Eyes Open to the People around Us
 - i. Luke 19:3-4 NLT – ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.
 - ii. John 4:34-38 NLT – ³⁴ Then Jesus explained: “My nourishment comes from doing the will of God, who sent me, and from finishing his work. ³⁵ You know the saying, ‘Four months between planting and harvest.’ But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest. ³⁶ The harvesters are paid good

wages, and the fruit they harvest is people brought to eternal life. What joy awaits both the planter and the harvester alike! ³⁷ You know the saying, ‘One plants and another harvests.’ And it’s true. ³⁸ I sent you to harvest where you didn’t plant; others had already done the work, and now you will get to gather the harvest.”

c. By Remembering and Calling People by Name

- i. Luke 19:5a NLT – When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name.
- ii. John 1:42 NLT – ⁴² Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus. Looking intently at Simon, Jesus said, “Your name is Simon, son of John—but you will be called Cephas” (which means “Peter”).
- iii. John 10:3 NLT – ³ The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep recognize his voice and come to him. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.
- iv. Psalm 139:1-2 NLT – ¹ O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. ² You know when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I’m far away.
- v. Matthew 10:30 NLT – ³⁰ And the very hairs on your head are all numbered.

d. Through our Invitations

- i. Luke 19:5-6 NLT – ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. “Zacchaeus!” he said. “Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today.” ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy.
- ii. Matthew 9:11b-13 NLT – Why does your teacher eat with such scum?” ¹² When Jesus heard this, he said, “Healthy people don’t need a doctor—sick people do.”

E. Close: Why does having a heart for others matter?

- a. Philippians 2:9-11 NLT – ⁹ Therefore, God elevated him to the place of highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue declare that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
- b. Next Steps
 - i. Memorize: Luke 19:10 NLT – For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.
 - ii. Think: Am I aware of the people God has placed around me?
 - iii. Action: Engage one person at a time, remember their name and show them you care.