

SEEKER FRIENDLY CHURCH

Take some time to catch up together about Christmas and New Year.

Read Luke 19.1-10

- What does this story show you about the character of Jesus? What does it say about him that he dines with sinners?
- V5. “I must stay at your house today”. Jesus says this to a notorious sinner in the middle of his journey to Jerusalem and the triumphal entry. What does this tell us about Jesus’ priorities?
- Do you think it was fair of Jesus to prioritise Zacchaeus, who’d done so much to hurt and abuse people? Do we ever feel resentful when outsiders needs are prioritised ahead of Jesus followers?
- Why is it significant that Jesus calls Zacchaeus by his name? Did you know that the name means, ‘Pure’ – and does this change how you feel about him?
- What would it mean for us to be a ‘seeker friendly’ church – a church that Jesus, the seeker of souls, can really work with?
- Which area do you feel inspired to invest in this year:
 - creating a place for the presence of Jesus (services/hub)
 - investing in prayer for the unchurched
 - taking part in Love Running & inviting others to join you
 - inviting someone to an Alpha course
- Who of your unchurched friends has God particularly put on your heart? Who do you see ‘climbing trees’?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is the Seeker. The reason he came is to seek out and save lost people. Our job is to be a church where he can do just that.

Take some time to pray together for any needs you have, but also for friends who don’t yet know Jesus. Jesus knows your name – your identity and your destiny – and he knows theirs too.