

Review:

**Lesson 1:** The Body of Christ

**Lesson 2:** Being Family

**Lesson 3:** The Place of Scripture

**Lesson 4:** Together Even Better

**Lesson 5:** Better Giving

**Lesson 6:** Better Praying

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**Lesson 8:**

## Transformed Lives

Luke 19:1-10

*“No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.” John 6:44. Perhaps the clearest evidence of God’s work in the heart of a nonbeliever is that person’s genuine desire to \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 1.** Give an example you have seen or heard about of a person who is demonstrating a genuine curiosity about Jesus or a genuine desire to see Him. What did that curiosity look/feel when it was you seeking Him?

*Whatever our messaging or our preaching or our many other forms of ministry, if it does not strike the recipient as intensely \_\_\_\_\_, then it is not the gospel.*

**Discussion 2.** What are our excuses for NOT making our gospel message intensely personal? How likely is it that a person would respond favorably to a diluted, universal, one-size-fits all gospel message?

*If my life’s only change in response to the gospel is a different set of beliefs, then something is not right. Spiritual transformation is much more than that; it produces fruit that \_\_\_\_\_.*

**Discussion 3.** What kind of “fruit” or outward behavior of a truly changed heart would stand out in our culture? What does it look like in genuine Christ followers you know?

*Changing people’s behavior was never enough for Jesus. That is not why He came. He came to change people’s \_\_\_\_\_. When His followers stay focused on that purpose, the church is at its best.*

**Discussion 4.** As we have difficult discussions with friends and family about important social issues like abortion or immigration or health care, what is the difference between focusing on changing people’s outward behavior and changing people’s hearts? How does that shift change your approach?

**Discussion 5.** How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?