

# **LOVE - LESSON 2**

## **PART ONE: BE PRESENT**



## **VIDEO SEGMENT 1**



#### **BREAKOUT SESSION**

**A-A** Read the passage and answer the following questions.

#### LUKE 19:1-10

- <sup>1</sup> Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup> A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup> He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore–fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.
- <sup>5</sup> When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.
- <sup>7</sup> All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."
- <sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."
- <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

1. Consider Zacchaeus's life, what earthly "reasons" might he have had to want nothing to do with Jesus? What similarities can you see in Zacchaeus's life to the lives of those in your community?
2. For all the earthly "reasons" Zacchaeus may have had not to be interested in Jesus something was still missing, what was it?
3. Jesus knew how important it was to be present. What concrete steps did he take to make sure Zacchaeus got what he needed?

# **VIDEO SEGMENT 2** While watching segment 2, fill in the blanks. Propinquity comes from the Latin word for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. It's also known as the effect. **Proximity Mathematics BREAKOUT SESSION** 2-8 Take a few minutes individually to list all your "communities." A good definition of "community" is anyone you regularly spend time with. Spend some time and dig down, you'll be surprised how many people's lives you actually touch. Here are a couple of examples. · Your kids' sports games. · Where you get morning coffee. In your group, brainstorm ideas for being present in the lives of the people around you. Here are a couple of examples. · BBQ in the front of your house not the back.

· Hang out at the dog park/walk your dog.

## **PART TWO: BE PERSISTENT**

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## **VIDEO SEGMENT 3**



### **BREAKOUT SESSION**

**8–8** Read the passage together

#### **READ JOHN 4:1-26**

- Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John—
- <sup>2</sup> although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. <sup>3</sup> So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.
- <sup>4</sup> Now he had to go through Samaria. <sup>5</sup> So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.
- <sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)
- <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)
- <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."
- "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?

  Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"
- <sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
- <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."
- <sup>16</sup> He told her "Go, call your husband and come back."
- <sup>17</sup> "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

- <sup>19</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."
- <sup>21</sup> "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth."
- <sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us."
- <sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

1. What reasons might Jesus have had to not be persistent in this relationship?
2. What parts of this woman's life may have looked "messy"?
3. Ultimately Jesus brought something to this messy life. What was it?
<b>▶ VIDEO SEGMENT 4</b>
While watching segment 4, answer the following questions.
1. What are the dangers of thinking outreach needs to be perfectly planned and carried out?
2. What is the danger of thinking outreach can be completely unplanned and unintentional?
3. In what way do we want our outreach to be like Albrecht Durer's praying hands?
4. What three pieces of advice did Pastor Spiegelberg share about our outreach?
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5. Talk through the messy lives of the following believers. What struggles did they have? What parts of their lives needed



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