

# LET'S GO

LOVE · LISTEN · LEAD

## LOVE · LESSON 2 · LEADER GUIDE

### PART ONE: BE PRESENT

#### VIDEO SEGMENT 1

#### BREAKOUT SESSION

*Play the video until asked to pause.*

*Read the passage yourself or ask for volunteers to read the parts of the narrator, Jesus, and Zacchaeus. After reading the passage, have participants discuss the questions in their groups.*

#### 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?**

Answers can vary but he was considered a "sinner" which meant ceremonially unclean.

He was probably considered a traitor to his people.

He was a thief extorting money from his own people.

He had access to power and money through the Romans so wasn't necessarily in earthly need for Jesus.

Many people today think that they are too sinful to go to church. Many in our society are also doing well enough financially to think they don't need God in their lives.

**2. For all the earthly "reasons" Zacchaeus may have had not to be interested in Jesus something was still missing, what was it?**

Ultimately hope was missing from his life. He needed forgiveness not a self-help book and he found that in Jesus.

**3. Jesus knew how important it was to be present. What concrete steps did he take to make sure Zacchaeus got what he needed?**

He invited himself over to his home. He shared food, drink, and conversation.

## VIDEO SEGMENT 2

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Play the video until asked to pause.

While watching segment 2, fill in the blanks.

Proximity comes from the Latin word for nearness. It's also known as the proximity effect.

### Proximity Mathematics

- Unhurried time + Proximity + Doing Something = Conversations
- Conversations + Vulnerability = Friendships



### BREAKOUT SESSION

After pausing, invite participants to complete the following exercise on their own. After giving them a few minutes, ask for volunteers to share how many communities they listed. Then, move on to the next exercise.

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.**

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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.**

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## PART TWO: BE PERSISTENT

### VIDEO SEGMENT 3



#### BREAKOUT SESSION

*Play the video until asked to pause.*

*After pausing, read the passage yourself or ask for volunteers to read the parts of the narrator, Jesus, and the Samaritan woman.*

*After reading the passage, lead the group through the following questions.*

#### READ JOHN 4:1-26

<sup>1</sup> 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."

<sup>11</sup> "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?"

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> 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?**

She was a Samaritan and he was Jewish.

She was a woman, and men typically didn't speak with women in public in that culture.

She was in a sinful relationship.

Jesus was tired from his journey and could have just decided he didn't feel like putting effort into the conversation.

**2. What parts of this woman's life may have looked "messy"?**

She had had a number of husbands.

She was living with a man to whom she was not married.

**3. Ultimately Jesus brought something to this messy life. What was it?**

She needed more than a self-help book. She needed a Savior.

 **VIDEO SEGMENT 4**

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*Play the video until asked to pause.*

*After pausing, you may choose to walk through questions 1–4 with the group before moving on to discussing the messy lives of believers. Or, simply go directly to question 5 and discuss each person's messy life one at a time.*

*While watching segment 4, answer the following questions.*

**1. What are the dangers of thinking outreach needs to be perfectly planned and carried out?**

She had had a number of husbands.

She was living with a man to whom she was not married.

**2. What is the danger of thinking outreach can be completely unplanned and unintentional?**

We may never do it because we are just waiting for it to "happen."

**3. In what way do we want our outreach to be like Albrecht Durer's praying hands?**

We want it to be focused and intentional enough to know where we want to go but flexible enough to know you can't predict what will happen.

**4. What three pieces of advice did Pastor Spiegelberg share about our outreach?**

Be intentional

Be vulnerable

Be authentic

5. Talk through the messy lives of the following believers. What struggles did they have? What parts of their lives needed greater inspection?

- Abraham
- Moses
- King David
- Peter
- Paul

## VIDEO SEGMENT 5

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### GROUP DISCUSSION

**Discuss in your group:** The best way to learn how to evangelize is to do it. Share an example of a time you learned as a result of evangelizing someone.