

GUEST SPEAKER

Sermon Discussion Guide

Pastor Eric Samuel Timm

Let's Recap:

Jesus is the ultimate master Torah teacher. In fact, he teaches with authority that comes straight from God. Because of this authority, Jesus is full of grace and truth, and he is calling us ever forward to become more like him.

Tune In:

Pastor Eric mentioned every name likely has meaning behind it. Does your name have any special meaning? Were you named after someone? Is there a story to your name? In preparation for our discussion, read Luke 19:1-10 (the story of Zacchaeus) together.

Go Deep:

1. Pastor Eric mentioned a number of different reasons why people come to church (people, pastors, peace, purpose, programs, etc.)? What is your reason for coming to church? Why do you think being part of a local church is so valuable?
2. The name of Jesus means "God's salvation," and the Bible says there is power in his name. Do you have a story when you prayed in the name of Jesus, and you experienced his power, protection, or provision? Why do you think there is such power in Jesus' name?
3. The people in Luke 19 were upset Jesus was going to be the guest of Zacchaeus because he was a tax collector and sinner. How can we keep our softs toward those far from God in our midst? Do you have any examples of loving people with grace but also sharing the truth with them to call them to greater faith in Jesus?

Live Out:

We can come to Jesus just as we are, but we can never stay there. God always calls us higher and deeper in Him. How might God be calling you higher and deeper this week? Spend a few moments encouraging one another to pursue all God desires for you in your faith.

