

# MESSAGE NOTES | FEBRUARY 27



## A Close Encounter of Another Kind

[Luke 19:1-10](#), p. 46

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### 1. THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS CHRIST reveals three important things (Luke 19:5, p. 46)

- The Lord **knows** us by name (intimately and individually).  
cf. Psalm 139:1-3, 13
- The Lord **calls** us by our name so that we can respond to Him.  
cf. John 10:27
- The Lord **invites** us to receive Him into our lives.  
cf. Revelation 3:20

### 2. THE EXPERIENCE OF ZACCHAEUS reveals three significant things

- The curiosity of Zacchaeus was **awakened** and he sought to **see** Jesus (Luke 19:1-4, p. 46) cf. Romans 1:19-20, Jeremiah 29:11, Hebrews 11:6
- Zacchaeus **responded** willingly and positively to the call of Jesus (Luke 19:6, p. 46) cf. Luke 18:23
- Zacchaeus **demonstrated** his new relationship with Jesus by the apparent fruit in his life (Luke 19:8, p. 46) cf. Luke 3:7-8

### THE ONE THING: **Jesus knows, calls, and invites each of us by name.**

Are you willing to seek, receive, and follow Him?

***"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I am sending you."*** (John 20:21)

Are you willing to reach out to those who are the unlikely, the unloved, and the unacceptable?

## NEXT STEPS

- ☐ I will...
- ☐ I will share with: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Join an *Immerse* group. Sign up at [oakwoodnow.org](http://oakwoodnow.org).

## DISCOVERY QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY OR GROUP DISCUSSION

*Check-In: Since we last met, how did your "I will..." and sharing go?*

- What are you thankful for? What challenge or stress are you facing? Do you know anyone who needs help at this time? As a group, how can we help?
- Read [Luke 24:13-36](#), together (at least twice), and take turns retelling it in your own words as if sharing with a friend who isn't here.
- What stands out to you and why? What do these verses tell us about God? What do these verses tell us about humanity/about us?
- If this is God speaking, how will you apply it to your life?  
(Share a specific: "I will...")
- Who will you share with before we meet again?  
(Name a specific person you plan to **share with**.)

*If you'd like to learn more about the discovery group process, connect with [marcus@oakwoodnow.org](mailto:marcus@oakwoodnow.org)*