

Missionary Position – Leaving and Going. Seeking and Saving

Weekend Discussion Questions

February 15-16, 2014

Community:

1. Why do you think a church would label a series, “Missionary Position”?
2. When you break those two words down, how would you define the word “missionary”? How would you define the word “position”?

Core:

1. As followers of Jesus, we take the “missionary position” because that’s the position that Jesus took. Paul writes about it in Philippians 2. Read verses 1-4. List out the different things that Paul tells people who follow Jesus that they should put into practice.
2. What does Paul write should be our motivation for doing everything he lists?
3. Read verses 5-6. What does it mean to have the same attitude, or mindset, as Jesus?
4. Now read verse 7. What are some of the reasons you think Jesus “made himself nothing”?
5. Finish by reading verses 8-11. So Jesus was exalted because He took the missionary position...how do you think Jesus will be exalted when we take a missionary position?
6. The position that Jesus took is demonstrated really well in the story of a man named Zacchaeus in Luke 19. Read verses 1-2. What do you know about tax collectors back during Jesus’ lifetime? What are some modern-day parallels to an ancient Israel tax collector?
7. Now read verse 3. Why do you think that Zacchaeus is so desperate to see Jesus? What do you think he is expecting?
8. Read verses 4-5. Out of all the people in the audience, why do you think Jesus chooses Zacchaeus? What is He trying to teach Zacchaeus? What is He trying to teach the people in the crowd?
9. Now read verse 6-7. Why do the people grumble when Jesus goes with Zacchaeus? Why do you think that people have a tendency to grumble or judge when something good happens to someone they don’t like or approve of?
10. Finish up the story by reading verses 8-9. What happened that made Zacchaeus immediately choose to pay back all the people he had robbed? What implications does that have for people today whose lives have been changed by Jesus?

Challenge:

1. Read Luke 19:10. What does it mean to “seek and save the lost”?
2. What step do you need to take in your life today to take a missionary position and follow Jesus’ example to seek and save the lost?