



## *Journey to the Cross*

In the last week of Jesus' life before His crucifixion we see Him clearly focused on accomplishing His purpose...His mission. In the weeks leading up to Easter we will focus in on what He did and said, who He engaged with, and how he made decisions. As we follow Him on His journey to the Cross, what lessons will there be for us?

### **Week One: What Was Lost**

Text: Luke 18:35-19:10

#### Discussion Questions:

The following are based on the "My Application" Questions found in the bulletin this week. (Leader, urge your group members to attend worship—or watch the sermon online—and to spend time considering and answering those questions before coming to the group. This will produce a richer discussion time.)

1. Icebreaker: Describe time you were lost.
2. As you think about the stories of the blind man and Zacchaeus, does anything surprise you?
3. Read Luke 19:10. Why is this verse meaningful to you personally? What are some ways it might threaten you?

4. What are some ways a passion for Jesus might unintentionally crowd out those who need Him?
5. Do you feel that reaching people far from God is important to you? How can our church be more welcoming to lost people? Our small group? Each of us as individuals?
6. Recall the time when Jesus found and rescued you. Share your story with your small group. *(Leader, be sensitive to the fact that some members of your group may not yet have a relationship with Jesus. Don't press everyone to answer this question. Be prepared to answer for yourself, and do so in a way that those listening will understand how to accept Jesus' gift of salvation for themselves.*
7. Review the BLESS strategy. What are you most comfortable with in BLESS?

### “Begin With Prayer”

- Who in your life is far from God? Who needs to be found and restored by Jesus?
- Ask God to help you see these people as “restorable.”
- Pray that He will give you an opportunity to BLESS them this week.

### Application

- What ways did you discuss that your group could make “lost people” more welcome at church. Commit to each other to put those into practice this week.
- Every morning this week as individuals, ask God, “Give me someone to BLESS today.” *(Brainstorm some ideas on how you will remind yourself to pray.)*
- Pay attention to what happens.
- Be prepared to share with the group next week.

### Scripture Memory

*“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.”*

*Luke 19:10*