

Growth Teams

**Week Beginning
Sunday 26th June 2016**

Going deeper

The themes addressed by the parables in chapter 15 address an ongoing tension between Jesus's ministry and the attitude of the religious authorities. Luke 19:1-10 tells a specific story of Jesus's engagement with a tax collector towards the end of the gospel.

Read Luke 19:1-10

5. How is Zacchaeus described in verse 2? If it was the first time you had read this story what would be your expectations about what is going to happen? (cf. Luke 15:1; 18:23-24)

6. Zacchaeus has to climb a tree to see Jesus. What does this show us:
 - a. about Zacchaeus's attitude to Jesus?
 - b. about the crowd's attitude to Zacchaeus?

7. Who is muttering and about what? How does this compare with what is described in Luke 15:1-2?

8. How does Zacchaeus show his repentance?

9. Why does Jesus say that, 'salvation has come to this house'? How does this story fit with the themes of Luke 15:11-32?

Now do the applying it to our lives questions...

Growth Team News

It's not too late to give a Growth Team a try! They are a great way to follow up on what we talk about in church, to get to know people better and to pray for one another. Why not try one or two out in the last few weeks before the summer?



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Luke 15:11-32 (page 1049)

Welcome Home...

Space to take notes on the talk

Will I be _____?

Will I _____?

Starter question

- ❖ What is the best welcome you have ever received?

Responding to the talk

1. What two words best reflect this week's talk?
2. Read Luke 15:11-20a
 - a. What did the younger son do wrong?
 - b. Why did he 'come to his senses'?
 - c. Looking at Jesus's audience (15:1-2), who does this son represent and what is Jesus trying to encourage them to do?
3. Read Luke 15:20b-24
 - a. What is wonderful about the father's welcome?
 - b. How does the father respond to the confession in 15:21?
 - c. Why does the father do all this? (15:20,24) Who does the father represent?
4. Read Luke 15:25-32
 - a. Looking again at Jesus's audience (15:1-2), who does the older son represent? How is the older son like them?
 - b. How does the Father respond to the older son?
 - c. What do you think the older son would have done in the end?

You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.

Applying it to our lives

9. Under what circumstances might it be appropriate to share this story with a non-Christian friend?
10. Many people say they sympathise with the older son. Why is it so important to see that the older son's attitude is wrong?