

# Growth Group Guide: Luke 19

**Bible Version:** Christian Standard Bible (CSB)

## SCRIPTURE READING QUESTIONS

Before diving into the group discussion, consider these four questions as you read the text:

- **What does this passage say about God, who He is, and what He does (Father, Son, and Spirit)?**
- **What does this passage teach me about me?**
- **What comfort/challenge can I take away from this passage?**
- **How will I respond or live differently because of what I've read?**

## PART 1: THE FOUNDATION

### Loving God's People (The Community Lens)

- Jesus enters the home of Zacchaeus, a tax collector, inviting a social outcast into the "One New Family." Authentic community is formed when we welcome those the world rejects and celebrate the restoration of our brothers and sisters.
- **Key Question:** "How are you pursuing authentic community with other believers right now?"
- **Key Question:** "What gets in the way of community with other believers?"

### Looking to God's Word (The Truth Lens)

- Our "Wealth in Christ" is summarized in the indicative fact that the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost (v. 10). This truth challenges our tendency to rely on our own righteousness or resources.
- **Key Question:** "How is God's Word challenging you?"
- **Key Question:** "What can you do to prioritize God's Word?"

## PART 2: THE WALK

### Listening to God's Voice (The Prayer Lens)

- Walking in the Spirit involves responding to the "king" who has entrusted us with resources (the ten minas) and will return to ask for an account. We must quiet the noise of worldly greed to hear how He wants us to invest His gifts.
- **Key Question:** "How is God directing you?"
- **Key Question:** "What do you need to quiet in your life to hear God better?"

### Living Sent (The Mission Lens)

- Mission is seen as Jesus approaches Jerusalem, weeping over the city's missed opportunities for peace. We identify "everyday opportunities" to point to Jesus by stewarding what we've been given and recognizing that the time for the "harvest" is now.
- **Key Question:** "What everyday opportunity have you used to point someone to Jesus?"
- **Key Question:** "What opportunities did you miss to tell someone about Jesus?"

### GROUP PRAYER & SUMMARY

- **Closing Thought:** Luke 19 moves from the personal salvation of an individual (Zacchaeus) to the corporate responsibility of servants (the Minas) and the kingly entry of Jesus, showing that His mission is to reclaim every area of life.
- **Final Action:** Identify one "resource" (time, talent, or money) that you have been "hiding in a cloth" and take one practical step to invest it for God's kingdom this week.

## PAGE 3: FACILITATOR CHEAT SHEET

### The Structural Lens: The "3-3 Split" / Indicative vs. Imperative

- The **Indicative** is that salvation has come to the house of Zacchaeus (v. 9) because of Jesus' initiative. The **Imperative** is for the servants to "engage in business" until He comes (v. 13).
- Remind the group that our "work" for the King is a response to His grace, not a way to earn His favor.

### Facilitation Tips

- If the group gets stuck debating the math of the "Minas," redirect them to the *heart* of the third servant—fear and a wrong view of the Master.
- Use the story of Jesus weeping over Jerusalem (v. 41) to redirect the group if they become too focused on personal gain rather than God's heart for the lost.

### Leader Insights (The Four Lead Practices)

- **Community:** Insight: Jesus didn't just preach to Zacchaeus; He ate with him. Authentic community often requires the "table" and the "home," not just the "temple."
- **Truth:** Insight: Repentance in the Gospel is visible. Zacchaeus's encounter with the Truth led to immediate, practical restitution.
- **Prayer:** Insight: Jesus wept over the city because He saw what they couldn't. Pray for the group to have "Jesus-eyes" for their neighbors and coworkers.
- **Mission:** Insight: "Sending capacity" means using our "Minas" for the King's business while He is away. Our work isn't just a job; it's a mission field.