

## MAIN POINT

*In order for Jesus' followers to participate with Him on mission, it is crucial that we understand the mission as He defined it.*

## INTRODUCTION

What was the most successful team you have ever been a part of? What was required of the team to accomplish their goals? How did knowing the goal from the start impact the success of the team?

For a group to accomplish an important mission, it is crucial that everyone involved understands the mission. Without a clear understanding of the mission, it is difficult—if not impossible—for a group to pursue a goal together. Jesus gave His followers the most important mission in the world. On Sunday, we learned that it is crucial to understand what Jesus' mission was on earth, and how that determines our mission now as His followers.

## DISCUSSION

### > READ LUKE 19:1-10.

Why was Zacchaeus an unexpected person for Jesus to pursue? What does this tell us about the mission of Jesus? Who can or cannot be impacted by Jesus' mission?

What does Jesus' pursuit of Zacchaeus tell us about who Jesus expects to take the initiative in His mission? What does this mean for His followers?

What is the mission of Jesus, as clearly defined in verse 10?

### > READ MATTHEW 28:18-19.

According to these verses, to whom and to where are followers of Jesus sent as part of His mission?

How did Jesus make it clear in these verses that He expected His mission to be the mission of His followers? By what authority did He give this mission?

## APPLICATION

Zacchaeus responded to Jesus' pursuit of him by sharing the generous love of Jesus with others. What implications does this have for our lives? How do we need to respond to Jesus and join His mission?

How do these passages give you a clear understanding of the mission of Jesus? Who is God calling you specifically to pursue as part of His mission? Why is it important for the church to be united on this mission?