

## Next Steps

“**Next Steps**” are ideas and opportunities to help you go deeper in your faith. They are different each week and linked to Sunday's message. Below you'll find scriptures to read, questions for reflection, practices to try and opportunities to take action, all to help you become more like Jesus in your relationships with God, the Church, and the world.

### **Jesus and the Outcasts, Outsiders, Outlaws-Zacchaeus the Tax Collector** **Luke 19:1-10| March 19, 2023**

Read **Luke 17**

Why were lepers outcasts in society?

- When have you felt like a true outcast?

We see the compassion of Jesus as He heals them. Compare this healing of lepers with the one in **Luke 5:12-16**?

- How do these stories show the compassion of Jesus?

One leper returned to give thanks.

- Why might the other nine have kept going?

How can you practice the discipline of gratitude?

- Start praying five times a day. Say thank you when you get out of bed, have breakfast, lunch, dinner, and when you get back into bed.

Read **Luke 19:1-10**

Why were tax collectors so despised? Why were they drawn to the ministry of Jesus and John the Baptist?

Zacchaeus shows us that those we might consider outsiders can still long for a relationship with God.

- Who do you know that might be longing for a relationship with God?
- What can you do to let them know God is there for them?

How has following Jesus changed your financial practices? How can you give more to Jesus (and not just more money)?

How does **Luke 19:10** summarize the gospel of Luke?

- How has God been *seeking* you through life?
- How has the *salvation* He has given changed you.
- Memorize this verse as a reminder of what Jesus was all about.