

SEEN, SHAPED, SENT

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BIG IDEA

The primary place we experience being seen by God is in his body: the church.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 19:1-10

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES

John 13:34-35, Acts 2:42-47, Ephesians 2:19-22

RESOURCES

The Gospel Comes with a House Key – Rosaria Butterfield

The Celtic Way of Evangelism: How Christianity Can Reach the West...Again – George G. Hunter III

Life Together – Dietrich Bonhoeffer

SEEN

1. Prior to meeting, individually spend time meeting God in the key scripture.
2. Read the passage of scripture two times slowly and reflectively. The goal is to allow the text to sink in and resonate personally. Look for words and phrases that stand out to you and write them down.
3. Read the passage slowly one more time, pay extra attention to the parts that stood out to you the first time. Consider how these words or phrases might apply to your life right now. What might the Lord be inviting you to?
4. Respond to God in prayer, express your thoughts, feelings, and desires in relation to the scripture. Rest now in God's presence, allow for silence and stillness. Listen for God's voice and experience a deeper connection with him.

SHAPED

Thinking about the Sunday sermon what stuck out for you in what was said?

In your time reflecting on the key scripture what stood out to you?

Loneliness and isolation are some of the greatest challenges in our culture today, to the point of the World Health Organization declaring them a global health concern. Why do you think genuine connection is becoming harder to find, even though people are more digitally connected than ever?

As a tax collector, Zacchaeus was isolated, rejected, and unseen by his community until Jesus stopped, noticed him, and invited himself into Zacchaeus' home. When have you experienced someone making you feel truly "seen"? How did it affect you?

Jesus responds to Zacchaeus with kindness and hospitality rather than shame or confrontation. Why do you think grace was so transformative for Zacchaeus? What does this teach us about how we relate to people who feel far from God or disconnected from church?

In John 13:34-35, Jesus says the world will recognize his disciples by their love. What are practical ways our church can become a place where no one feels invisible?

The message emphasized that "the primary way we are seen by God is through Jesus' body, the church." What could it look like for you personally this summer to practice "radically ordinary hospitality" — opening your home, initiating conversations, or intentionally including others?

SENT

Prayerfully consider making a commitment to Summer Connections by hosting someone (or a family) outside your usual social circle over the summer (one, two or three times). Is there a way your life group can do this together?
<https://kac.ca/events/summer-connections/>

Just as we are blessed to be a blessing, in being seen by God, he invites us to truly see others. This week be mindful, is God nudging you to notice someone in your community? Reach out to that person.