



Camp RidgeKids 2025 | Elementary Small Group (Day 2)

Day 2 Small Group: God Looks at the Heart

Text: Luke 19:1-10

Waypoint: *Boldness – I can treat others like they matter.*

Key Verse: *Romans 12:10*

Bible Story Summary

Zacchaeus was a tax collector who worked for the Romans and cheated people out of their money. He was disliked, ignored, and treated like he didn't matter. But when Jesus came to town, He stopped, saw Zacchaeus in a tree, and chose to go to his house—treating him with kindness and dignity. Because Jesus saw value in him, Zacchaeus' heart was changed, and he chose to make things right.

1. Why do you think most people didn't like Zacchaeus?

- Can you think of someone today who might feel the same way—ignored, judged, or laughed at?

2. How do you think Zacchaeus felt when Jesus stopped, said his name, and went to his house?

- What does that tell you about how powerful it is to really see someone?

3. Has there ever been a time when someone made you feel seen or important even when you didn't expect it?

- What did they do—and how did it affect you?

4. What would it look like to treat someone like they matter, especially someone that others don't treat well?

- What might be hard about doing that? What might be worth it?

5. Jesus treated Zacchaeus with bold kindness, and it changed his life.

- Who in your life might need that kind of kindness from you this week?

Prayer

God, thank You for showing us what it means to treat people like they matter. Thank you for the way Jesus saw Zacchaeus when no one else would.

Please help us be bold enough to see others with your eyes, to look past mistakes or differences, and show kindness, even when it's hard.

Teach us to honor others, not ignore them. Let our love help someone believe they are valuable and loved by You.

Amen.