Journey Course Five: How to Share Your Faith #2 – Make Connections – Luke 19:1-10

Life Truth: To share Jesus authentically, build relational connections with unbelievers.

Four Ways Jesus Made Connections with People

Luke 19:1-4

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

Connection #1: _____

Luke 19:5

When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today."

Connection #2: _____

Luke 19:6-7

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled.

Connection #3: _____

Luke 19:8-10

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!"

Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

Connection #4: _____

How To Share Your Faith #2: Reflection Exercise

Who are the spiritually lost people in my life? How can I relationally connect with these people that I might share Jesus with them in an authentic way?

Every day we choose whether or not we will befriend people. Will we invite a neighbor over for coffee...stay to talk with an old acquaintance we ran into at the store...stop to talk with a neighbor...or just move on?

Friends	Family	Co-workers	Neighbors

Anybody else? Classmates? Associates? People you often see at a store, restaurant, gym or club?