# Growth Group Curriculum SUMMER SEMESTER 2023

# <u> The Heart of Jesus - Week 5 - Power</u>

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## REVIEW

- 1. Was there anything from this past Sunday's message that challenged or confused you?
- 2. Can you think of one thing from Sunday's sermon that you are likely to remember two weeks from now?

### **MY STORY**

- 1. What are some things we tend to value most?
- 2. Have you ever been, or have you ever known anyone who was especially influential?

#### **DIGGING DEEPER**

- 1. Read Luke 19:1-9: How have we like Zacchaeus' "sold out" to our careers and other cultural values?
- 2. What are the differences between Zacchaeus before and after his encounter with Jesus?
- 3. Read Philippians 3:7-8; 13-14; How are Paul and Zacchaeus able to joyfully let go of things that used to be important to them?

- 4. What were the most obvious changes in Zacchaeus (and Paul's) relationships to God after encountering Jesus?
- 5. Jesus makes a remarkable statement in verse 9 that applies to all who receive Him; what does it mean for a sinner like Zacchaeus to become a "son of Abraham"?
- 6. Zacchaeus expresses delight and satisfaction in giving away his wealth. Have you experienced a similar joy in giving away power, status, possessions or wealth?

## Pray:

Father, I praise you because you are pleased to offer me joy and fulfillment beyond anything this world can give. I confess that my love for Jesus is often replaced by affections for things that cannot satisfy me. I often abuse power and influence and use them to serve my own needs and not others. Father, help me to experience Jesus in such a way that it transforms me into someone who finds the greatest delight in serving him and doing his will. Through your Spirit align my affections with yours so I can use whatever power and influence I have to bring blessing to others. - Amen

# **Prayer Requests:**

## Important dates:

- October 1 Fall Groups Start
- November 19 New To Crossroads Lunch