

SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of October 1, 2023

Sermon Text Luke 19:1-10

9 He entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus. He was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3 And he was seeking to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was small in stature. 4 So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was about to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down, for I must stay at your house today." 6 So he hurried and came down and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all grumbled, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." 8 And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor. And if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I restore it fourfold." 9 And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

If you were not able to listen to this week's sermon, then please refer to this link to listen prior to answering these questions, http://hawaiikaichurch.org/sermons/page/1.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is it about Jesus that either draws people to Him, or repels people from Him?
- 2. Why do we hate people like the tax collector? Why does God love people like the tax collector? What should we learn from this difference?
- 3. What does repentance mean? Is repentance from sinful attitudes and actions required for salvation? Explain.
- 4. How does the good news of the gospel as well as the "ordinary means of grace"** help Christians walk in "newness of life"?
- 5. In three minutes or less, explain how Jesus sought, found, and saved you.

^{** &}quot;God has given us the A, B, and C of how we grow as Christians and advance as a Christian community: going to church, singing hymns and Psalms, reading Scripture, listening to sermons, engaging in prayer, and receiving the sacraments. These are the ordinary means of grace." - Derek Thomas