



DIGGING DEEPER

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This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to fopc.org/sermon or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

PRAY [Have someone open in prayer]

Pray not only for this study but also for what is going on in each other's lives.

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series *The Church is...* We looked at what it means to be an invitational church—radically inclusive, consistently inviting, and committed to investing in the next generation behind us.

KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

³⁶ “So let everyone in Israel know for certain that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, to be both Lord and Messiah!”

³⁷ Peter's words pierced their hearts, and they said to him and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?”

³⁸ Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.” ⁴⁰ Then Peter continued preaching for a long time, strongly urging all his listeners, “Save yourselves from this crooked generation!”

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all.

Acts 2:36-41(NLT)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Have you experienced exclusivity within the church? Why did it occur? What resolved it? What long-term impact did it have on you?
2. What would it look like if we were more inclusive as a church? What would it look like to be more inclusive to the other service (Classic or Contemporary), to new visitors, to our neighbors, and to the people of Fair Oaks? What about to the ends of the Earth?
3. What are three ways your life group could be more inclusive? Pick one of these ways and make it a priority over this life group season.
4. Can you name one to three people that you feel called to “include” by sharing your faith or serving? If you cannot, what do you think needs to change?
5. Read through Luke 19:1-10. What parts of the text stand out to you? Can you list all of the reasons the text gives for why people would have thought Zacchaeus was a sinner? Why do you think a house party had such a big impact on Zacchaeus?
6. Of all the people in your life that do not have a relationship with the Lord, what is one thing you can change about the way you include them to have a “Zacchaeus” moment with? Who can you treat like they belong before they believe?

PRAY [Close your time in prayer.]