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Skyline Church



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Zacchaeus

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Awkward is _____

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

LUKE 19:1-10

He wanted to see who Jesus was.

LUKE 19:3

AWKWARD MOMENT #1 For Zacchaeus to see Jesus, he had to see people who didn't want to see him.

AWKWARD MOMENT #2 When Jesus saw Zacchaeus, Jesus invited himself over.

Luke 3:12 - Tax collectors lining up to get baptized by Jesus.

Luke 5:27 - Matthew is called by Jesus and he's a tax collector.

All the people, even the tax collectors, when they heard Jesus' words, acknowledged that God's way was right...

LUKE 7:29

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus.

LUKE 15:1

Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get." But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, "God, have mercy on me, a sinner." I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

LUKE 18:10

Jesus is attracted to awkward people who don't fit in and awkward people who don't fit in are attracted to him.

BOTTOM LINE: Awkward =

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AWKWARD MOMENT #3 When Jesus talks to Zacchaeus the people start talking about Jesus

If the seeker can be _____, maybe the Savior can be _____.

APPLICATION: YOU _____.

Repentance: Change in attitude and a change in actions.

I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

LUKE 5:32