



## WEEK FIVE | THE TABLE OF REPENTANCE

Our country is so polarized in religion, politics, and culture. It seems easier to just pick your side and assume the others are bad people. Nothing is new sadly. Most likely, Jesus dealt with being judged and seeing others judged every day of his life. It's what led to his death. I can't imagine it didn't make him angry now and then. It certainly broke his heart. One thing it never accomplished was make him quit. He continued to push back and love the "unlovable". Somebody's got to win in the end. Remember, Jesus didn't lose on the cross.

### GETTING STARTED

**If you had to give up one of your senses (hearing, seeing, feeling, smelling, tasting) which would it be and why?** (Got this question from Red Rocks Church, I thought it was interesting.)

### TALK ABOUT IT

**Read Luke 19:1-10 (The salvation of Zacchaeus)**

**Share a time when you were or felt like you were being judged, fairly or unfairly.**

**In what ways do you struggle with being judgmental?**

Russ mentioned a quote from an interview with Michelle Obama about her relationship with George W. Bush when asked about their surprisingly good relationship. She said, *"It's harder to hate up close."*

**Talk about that. What do you think she means by that statement?**

**What do you think about the premise of guilt by association?**

**What do you think led to Zacchaeus' abrupt change of heart?**

### **APPLY IT**

People love to say that Jesus will meet you where you are. Is that the end of the story?

**How have we communicated (understood) that well and how have we come up short?**

**Read 1 Corinthians 4:20**

**How is repentance (and forgiveness for that matter) related to action?**

Close by praying about the thing you cannot give yourself... salvation. Only Jesus can do that. Think about the quote below before you pray.

### **PRAY**

"The Christian who has stopped repenting has stopped growing." A. W. Pink