**BCM Bible Study November 11 - 12, 2015**

**Luke 19 and 20**

Where do people in our culture turn for help, change or transformation?

Jesus is traveling through southern Palestine on his way to Jerusalem. This trip will culminate in his death and resurrection. As he journeys, Jesus makes the most of every opportunity to do ministry. Jericho, a rich agricultural town and popular resort for royalty and priests, was in Jesus’ path. Zacchaeus was one of the last people Jesus met before his death. Their encounter illustrates how Jesus can transform a person from the inside out.

For background, read or skim Luke 18:31-43. What is happening as Jesus approaches Jericho?

**19:1-10**

What strikes you about the initial meeting between Jesus and Zacchaeus? What was the reaction of the crowd as they see this relationship develop between Zacchaeus and Jesus (verse 7)? Why does this bother people?

What seems to be going on inside Zacchaeus by the end of this encounter (verses 8-10)? How is he transformed by meeting Jesus? What might be some of the far reaching effects of this transformation on both Zacchaeus and the other
people in his community? On what basis does Jesus confirm Zacchaeus’ salvation?

How does this passage illustrate Jesus’ life mission as stated in verse 10?

Where did Jesus first find you? How did he get you to join him?

How have you experienced the seeking or saving power of Jesus in your life (maybe even in the past week)? What are some ways Jesus has changed you? How can you be a witness to Jesus’ transforming power in your life?

**20:9-19**

How does the parable relate to the question of Jesus authority?

How does the quoted scripture relate to the parable?

How does the parable and the quote affect the religious leaders? Why don’t they act? Why choose this time to tell such a parable?

At different times in your life, how have you received Jesus? What is your reception life now?

How is Jesus like a capstone in your life?

**20:27-40**

How seriously does Jesus treat this absurd question?

What does Jesus teach about life after death? What do you think about this? How does this affect your life?