



October 5 – Unraveled Profession

It's one of the most commonly asked questions: what do you do? Our identity in this world is almost always tied in some way to what we do: I am a doctor, teacher, electrician, pilot. When we cease doing those things, if we cease doing those pieces of our identity, we are often lost or unnerved by not having anything "to do". But what if we're made for more than just doing a job? What if Jesus' desire for our professional life is about way more than what we "do"? Join us this weekend as Zacchaeus helps us see our identity past our profession.

Scripture:

Micah 6:6-8

What can we bring to the Lord? Should we bring him burnt offerings? Should we bow before God Most High with offerings of yearling calves? ⁷ Should we offer him thousands of rams and ten thousand rivers of olive oil? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for our sins? ⁸ No, O people, the Lord has told you what is good, and his is what he requires of you: to do what is right, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

Luke 19:1-10 NLT

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. ² There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. ³ He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." ⁶ Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. ⁷ But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. ⁸ Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ⁹ Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man^[a] came to seek and save those who are lost."

Questions:

- What has unraveled and/or is unraveling in today's story of Zacchaeus?
- What are the results of the unraveling?
- How is God working in the midst of the unraveling?
- What might you learn from this unraveling?

Reading for the Week:

- **Monday:** Jeremiah 29:11
- **Tuesday:** Proverbs 19:21
- **Wednesday:** Ephesians 2:10
- **Thursday:** Philippians 1:6
- **Friday:** 1 Timothy 6:11-12