



Being Human – Part 2: Beyond Contact

Big Idea

Contact is abundant, but connection is scarce. Following Jesus means designing our lives for more connection in a world that is often designed for less.

Discussion Questions

1. When you think about the difference between being in contact with someone and actually being connected to them, what comes to mind? Can you think of a relationship where you have lots of contact but don't necessarily feel known? Why do you think it is possible to be surrounded by people, constantly communicating, and still feel lonely? What do you think is missing?
2. Read Luke 19:1-10. What stands out to you about Zacchaeus and his situation? What do you notice about the ways he seems connected to, or disconnected from, the people around him?
3. Zacchaeus goes to great lengths just to see Jesus, but Jesus is the one who ultimately sees him. What do you think is significant about Jesus calling him by name and choosing to go to his house? The crowd sees Zacchaeus primarily as a tax collector, a rich man, and a sinner. Jesus sees him differently. What does that tell us about the difference between being seen and being known?
4. Jesus doesn't simply talk to Zacchaeus; he enters his home and shares his table. Why do you think physical presence, shared meals, and simply spending time with someone can communicate something that words or digital contact can't?
5. Where do you think your life currently makes connection easy, and where does it make connection difficult? What habits, routines, or choices might help you create more space for genuine relationship?

Moving Forward

If the statement is true that “we must design our lives for more connection in a world that is often designed for less,” what might that look like for you this week?