**Zaccheus**

READ: Luke 19:1-10

1. What was Zaccheus’ profession according to Luke 19:2?
2. In the minds of the people of Zaccheus’ day, what sins were associated with tax collectors? See Matthew 11:19 and Luke 18:11.
3. “Zaccheus” is from the Greek form of the Hebrew “Zakkay” which means pure, innocent, or righteous. What is ironic about the meaning of Zaccheus’ name and the profession he chose for himself?
4. What is the first specific obstacle in Luke 19:2 (see Luke 19:8 also) that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to Luke 3:12-13.
5. How might that obstacle from Question #4 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
6. What is the second specific obstacle in Luke 19:2 that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to Matthew 19:16-24 and 1 Timothy 6:10.
7. How might that obstacle from Question #6 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
8. What is the first specific obstacle in Luke 19:3 that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to Exodus 23:2 and Matthew 7:13-14.
9. How might that obstacle from Question #8 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
10. What is the second specific obstacle in Luke 19:3 that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to Matthew 5:29-30.
11. How might that obstacle from Question #10 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
12. What is the first general obstacle in Luke 19:1-10 that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to Philippians 3:13-15.
13. How might that obstacle from Question #12 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
14. What is the second general obstacle in Luke 19:1-10 that was in Zaccheus way? Relate that obstacle to 1 John 1:8-10.
15. How might that obstacle from Question #14 prevent us from seeking the Lord?
16. What notable person attempted to excuse his responsibility because of a biological limitation? What was God’s response to his attempted excuse? See Exodus 4:10-17.
17. What notable person did not let a possible biological limitation prevent him from his duty and service to God? See 2 Corinthians 12:7-10.
18. From the above two examples, what can we conclude about using our biological makeup as an excuse for sin? See Romans 8:5-8.