

# Taste And See

## *The Etiquette of God's Grace*

Luke 19:1-10

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**Introduction:** In 1 Peter 2:2-3, Peter's ultimate desire is for the church to have an insatiable appetite for the word of God. Just as a baby craves milk, so should Christians crave the living Word as well as the written Word. Spiritual growth and maturity is not an option in the Christian life, it should be our hearts desire to "grow into salvation". When Jesus called Peter to follow him, he promised that he would make Peter a fisherman of men. Peter accepted the call to follow Jesus, and for three years he became a part of Jesus' inner circle. Twenty-four hours a day he did life together with Jesus and eleven other men. He watched Jesus heal the sick, walk on water, feed the five thousand, make the lame walk, caused the blind to see, turn water into wine and had table fellowship with everyday people. In a real sense, Peter tasted that the Lord is good for himself.

**Prayer:** God, we want to see you in this scripture. Open our hearts to see you more clearly. Amen.

**Read:** Luke 19:1-10

**Review:** Were you able to bring your difficulties to God with confidence? What did you learn about yourself and about God?

**Discussion:**

1. Who is Zacchaeus? What does he have? What does he not have? Why do you think he wanted to see Jesus? Was Zacchaeus hoping for a conversation or just to get a look at Jesus?
2. What is surprising about Jesus' encounter with Zacchaeus? If you were watching, what would you be thinking and feeling?
3. What is Zacchaeus' response to Jesus? What does this say about Zacchaeus' heart? What is he repenting of?
4. Zacchaeus promises to repay those he has wronged. Have you ever done something tangible like this?
5. To what lengths are you willing to go to spend time with Jesus?

**Application:** God has provided time for you to spend with him. Look for those places in your life.

**Prayer:** Lord God, Help us to know your grace so fully that we can act gracefully to others. Amen