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WHAT WE READ

We flashed back to Genesis 3, where the first sin began with distrust, the man and woman hid, and God came looking with his first question after sin: Where are you? Then, in the present: Zacchaeus was a wealthy chief tax collector in Jericho. When Jesus came through, Zacchaeus ran ahead and climbed a tree to see him. Jesus stopped, called him by name, and invited himself to dinner before Zacchaeus said a word. The crowd complained that Jesus was the guest of a sinner. Zacchaeus promised half his money to the poor and promised to repay anyone he had cheated four times over. Jesus said: the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.

THE BIG IDEA

Sin is real, and it began in the garden: distrust, hiding, blaming. Because of that first sin we are all born without the holiness God intended, which the Church calls original sin, not a sin a baby committed (CCC 404-405). But God came looking in the garden, and Jesus goes looking for lost people. He goes first, before we deserve it, and meeting him changes what we do: with his help we turn around and make things right. No one is too far gone for him.

MEMORY VERSE

“For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost.” (Luke 19:10)

ONE QUESTION FOR DINNER

Jesus went first with Zacchaeus; he called his name before Zacchaeus did anything to earn it. When has someone reached out to you first, before you deserved it?

THIS WEEK'S ONE STEP

Make one thing right this week: an apology, something borrowed, a promise broken. Parents, your child chose one; you might choose one too.

A PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Jesus, you knew Zacchaeus by name and you know each of us. Come to our house today. Amen.

NEXT TIME

Session 3: Who Is This? We read about four friends who dig through a roof to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus (Mark 2:1-12).