



## House Church Study Questions Based on the SAC Sermon on January 24, 2021.

**Sermon:** Attitude of Engagement

**Text:** 1 John 3:18; John 12:49; 1 Corinthians 13:1; Deuteronomy 7:2-3;  
Luke 19:1-9

### Gathering Guidelines

Watch Pastor Brian's intro video for this week.

### Take some time to worship

Play a worship song. Pray to Jesus. Be in His presence.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jpdYgbMf0L8> Jeremy Camp: "Jesus Saves"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGAdaGbmFs> Matt Redman: "One Day"

### Read

Luke 19:1-9

### Discussion Questions

#### Question #1:

Have you ever had a relationship with someone where they had cheated you out of something important? Or maybe they lied about you to others? Or they misrepresented you and this caused others to think badly of you?

Don't rush over this question. . .try and think of someone like this in your life.

How did this make you feel?

#### Question #2:

The people of Jericho had an attitude toward Zachaeus. He was a tax collector for Rome, who would gather taxes for the Empire that was oppressing them.

**Zachaeus was actually a Jew who was serving Rome in this way.**

**What do you think their attitude was toward Zachaeus? (Read Luke 19:7 and then talk about this a bit more.)**

**Question #3:**

**When you think of our church, Strasbourg Alliance Church, how would you describe what our attitude has been toward people in our community?**

**Question #4:**

**In verse 5 we begin to see what God's 'attitude of engagement' with the world actually is.**

**What is the first thing Jesus does when he sees Zachaeus?**

**What is the people's first response to what Jesus says?**

**If you were there, what do you think *your* response would have been?**

**Question #5:**

**Jesus reflects an amazing example here of how to engage the world.**

**If you pay attention, what has actually taken place is that Zachaeus has been saved!**

**Zachaeus is known as a sinner who has made a living stealing exorbitant taxes from innocent people.**

**Zachaeus hears Jesus and immediately changes his perspective on life.**

**Then Jesus says that salvation has come to Zachaeus' house even though they haven't gone to his house yet! What does this mean? That salvation has found a home in Zachaeus himself!**

**Then Jesus identifies Zachaeus as a son of Abraham. . .is part of the family of God.**

**But Jesus didn't say one word about salvation, he just invited Himself to Zachaeus' house for dinner!**

Here is a key concept: Jesus *is* the Truth and communicates truth even when He doesn't use words. When He welcomed Zachaeus it was the Truth speaking in love to a man who needed it, and it immediately changed him.

This is how we are to engage our world today too.  
Communicating *truth and love.*

How would you go about communicating truth and love to people in your sphere of influence? What are some challenges to speaking truth? What are some challenges to showing love?

Question #6

*The best way to engage our world today like Jesus did, is to spend more and more time with Him so we become more like Him.*

Would you agree with this?

How would you suggest going about this?

Invitation and Mission for this week

This week consider one person who you think is maybe the hardest to communicate truth and love toward.

*Every single day, take at least 15 minutes and go to Jesus and ask Him to show you how He would engage this person. Write down your thoughts and bring them to your next House Church gathering and talk about what you discovered.*

Pray for each other