

ENCOUNTERS  
*with Christ*

**A Chance Encounter**  
Message 1

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**2. Resisting \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Luke 19:3. C/R: Romans 12:19-21; 2 Corinthians 4:4)**

► **Outline**

*"For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."*

**Luke 19:10 (NLT)**

**An Encounter with Christ Involves...**

**1. Confronting \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Luke 19:1-2. C/R: Matthew 19:24)**

**3. Seizing \_\_\_\_\_.**  
**(Luke 19:4-10. C/R: James 4:8)**

**Answers:** 1. obstacles 2. opposition 3. opportunities

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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide by yourself or with friends to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus. To connect with others, visit [brookwoodchurch.org/adults](http://brookwoodchurch.org/adults).

### Conversation Starter

Describe an opportunity you wish you would've taken but didn't.

### Begin your study with prayer

Pause for a few minutes to quiet your heart and mind. Then ask God for insight and direction as you study and reflect on this week's lesson.

### Introduction

This week's lesson focuses on a man who demonstrates what it looks like to have *A Chance Encounter* with Christ.

### Bible Study and Group Discussion

Read [Luke 19:1-10](#).

1. What do you learn about Zacchaeus in these passages? Describe what life must have been like for him.
2. How did Zacchaeus express faith in Jesus?
3. Have you ever tried to get closer to Jesus but felt like something was in the way? If so, can you identify what that was?
4. What pain (need or challenge) in your life is God using to draw you closer to Him? How are you responding?
5. How did the people around Zacchaeus discourage his faith?
6. Consider those you're with most of the time. Do they help you see Jesus, or are they more of a distraction?

7. The Apostle Paul prayed for the church in Ephesus that the eyes of their heart would be enlightened [see Ephesians 1:18 (NIV)]. What's the difference between seeing with your eyes and seeing with your heart?
8. Was Zacchaeus changed after his encounter with Jesus?
9. What's one way you'd love God to work in your life?
10. What will you do to encounter Jesus this week?

### Spiritual Practice

*A spiritual practice is something we do to interrupt our usual thoughts, feelings and patterns, enabling us to move more deeply into the life of Christ.*

Read [Luke 19:1-10](#) each day this week, and ask God what He wants you to know. Use this time to develop a life of persistent faith.

### Memory Verse

*Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you.*

[James 4:8 \(ESV\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day 1: [Matthew 19:16-24](#)

Day 4: [Psalm 69:30-33](#)

Day 2: [Deuteronomy 4:29](#)

Day 5: [2 Corinthians 5:15-21](#)

Day 3: [Luke 11:5-13](#)

### Prepare for Next Sunday

Next Sunday, July 11, we'll continue our series *Encounters with Christ*. To prepare read [John 1:43-51](#).



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