

One Heart Group
Feb. 14, 2010

What does God really want from us?

Matthew 15:8

“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.”

Zacchaeus

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a ‘sinner.’”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anyone out of anything, I will pay him back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save what was lost.”

Let's look at the three hearts.

1) Zacchaeus

He had become corrupt and cheated people.

He was hated by the people.

He knew something was missing and desperately wanted to see Jesus.

2) The People.

They didn't want to give him a second chance.

They were angry with Jesus' mercy.

They couldn't see past their hatred.

3) Jesus.

He loves the lost and is seeking them.

He knows what has happened to Zacchaeus.

He calls Zacchaeus by name and wants to go home with him.

Let's look at our hearts.

How far out of our comfort zones would we go to find Jesus?

How do we judge people who have gone away and want to return?

What is missing in our hearts today?

Revelation 3:20

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.