CONNECT GROUP NOTES: GOD'S RESCUE PLAN

Getting Started

Have you got any favourite rescue stories?

Have you ever been lost or felt that you were lost? Have you ever had to be rescued? Tell your stories.....

Getting Stuck In

Besides Jesus, if you could see the world through someone else's eyes for a week, who would you choose and why?

Read Luke 19:1-10 (try to put yourself in the story as you read it)

How do you think Jesus feels about the crowd?

How do you think Jesus feels about Zacchaeus?

How would inviting Himself over for dinner impact the crowds view of Jesus?

By inviting Himself over, Jesus sends a message to the crowd and to Zacchaeus... what do you think that message is?

Did Jesus show you anything about yourself as you read through this story again?

If we want to be like Jesus, we have to learn to see like Jesus

What does this mean? How might you understand this statement?

Going Deeper

Read Luke 19:9-10

Have you ever thought of yourself as being lost? Why/why not?

If you were to describe a *spiritually lost* person, what would you say? How would you describe them?

How does recognising we are spiritually lost help us see Jesus more clearly? Do we find God or does God find us?

Jayne mentioned two things: Don't get in the way of anyone being able to see Jesus and don't let anyone get in your way of seeing Him. How might these two things have been your experience?

Application

A changed life changes lives!

What would happen if you *saw* the potential for God to rescue and change people and circumstances around you? How can we act and respond differently?