



Week beginning November 2nd

## **Celebrating God at Work**

### **Opening Questions**

- Have you ever been surprised by an unexpected visitor to your home? How did you respond?
- If Jesus came to your house for a meal, who would you like to invite to join you?

### **Getting into the text**

#### **Read Luke 19:1-10**

- Why do you think Zacchaeus was so eager to see Jesus?
- Jesus invited himself to Zacchaeus' house. Why do you think he chose to do that rather than talk with him on the street?
- Why did the onlookers object to Jesus' actions?
- What was the result of this encounter?

- Bearing in mind his previous lifestyle, what challenges do you think Zacchaeus faced after this meeting with Jesus?

### Applying the Bible to your life

- Zacchaeus was prompted to respond to Jesus with a gesture which was more extravagant than it needed to be according to the law. How easy do you find it to respond generously to God's prompting? (eg with your time, or money or possessions) What are some of the things which might hold you back?
- Jesus 'noticed' Zacchaeus, not in a synagogue but out on the street, and as a result his life was transformed. Where might you 'notice' people outside the church building who would welcome an encounter with Jesus? How confident are you in being the one who welcomes them? What might help you to be bolder?

### Something to pray about

At the end of today's reading Jesus said, '**...the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost.**' (Luke 19:10)

- Give thanks that Jesus came to save you and transform your life.
- Pray that those on the margins of the church family might be drawn into a deeper encounter with Jesus.
- Ask God to show you in your daily life who is seeking Jesus and what you can do to welcome them in.