

Battlefield 7 – Leader’s Guide

“I Don’t Deserve God’s Blessings”

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1. What is shame? (It’s the feeling that there’s something wrong with you, that you are a mistake.)
2. Give examples of lies we can believe about ourselves due to shame. (We can believe, “No one could ever love me.” “I’m not important.” “I’m worthless.” “I’m dirty.” “I’ll never amount to anything.”)
3. “I don’t deserve God’s blessings, but I can have them anyway.” Why is this the truth? (God is so good and kind that He chooses to bless bad people!)
4. Describe how Jesus blessed the criminal dying on the cross next to Him. (He told the criminal that he would be in paradise that day. The man had done nothing to deserve paradise, but he had faith. Jesus blessed him for his faith.)
5. Describe Zacchaeus. What kind of job did he have? (He was mean and dishonest. He was a tax collector, a big boss, and stole people’s money. He was good at his job and was very rich.)
6. What problem did Zacchaeus have, and how did he solve it? See Luke 19:3-4. (He was short and couldn’t see Jesus because of the huge crowd. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree so he could see.)
7. Describe the interaction between Jesus and Zacchaeus. (Jesus knew Zacchaeus’ name supernaturally! Jesus told him to come down. He said he had to stay at Zacchaeus’ house.)
8. How did Jesus’ love and acceptance change Zacchaeus’ life? (Zacchaeus decided to stop cheating and being greedy. He said he would give ½ his money to the poor. If he’d cheated anyone, he would pay back 4x the amount.)
9. Jesus took our shame when He died on the cross. What does He give us in return? (He gives us His glory and honor.)
10. If you still struggle with shame, pray that Jesus’ love will heal you.

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Bible Study

Luke 19:1-10 Who Is Jesus?

- **Passing through Jericho v. 1**
- **Attractive. Attracts a huge crowd. v.3**
- **Knows us personally. Knows Z's name supernaturally! v.5**
- **Offers Zacchaeus friendship, acceptance, love v.5**
- **Seeks out, wants a relationship with "bad" person v.5**
- **Does not worry about what people think. Goes to Zacchaeus's house even though people criticize Him v.7**
- **Believes that Zacchaeus is saved. v. 9**
- **Calls Z. a true son of Abraham v.9**
- **Son of Man. Identifies with us as humans. v. 10**
- **Came to seek lost people. Came to rescue and save them v.10.**

Who Is Man?

- **Zacchaeus - very rich. Chief tax collector, big boss. Dishonest, cheats others, charges too much. Good at his job! v.2**
- **Really wants to see Jesus. Empty. Something's missing in his life.**
- **Unpopular. Outcast. Hated. Needs love. v.7**
- **Short. Can't see Jesus over crowd v.3**
- **Climbs a blossoming fig tree. Determined, humble, creative! v.4**
- **Finds JOY. Filled with joy and excitement. v.6**
- **People in crowd know Z. Think he's a sinner, a crook. v. 7**

- Complain, grumble. They are displeased. v. 7
- Z - Changed by Jesus' unconditional love. Admits he stole money.
- Offers to give away ½ of his money to poor v. 8
- Offers to pay people back 4x amount he stole v. 8

So What?

- Jesus welcomes and unconditionally loves bad people.
- Jesus actively pursues *you*. He wants a friendship with you!
- God's unconditional love changed Zacchaues' life. Has God's love changed yours? Why or why not?
- Will you receive God's blessings even though you don't deserve them?