

# Eastside Study Guide

August 26, 2018

## Rescued Rescuers

In the past couple of weeks we have talked about a couple of things leading up to this morning. Those themes are; How you feel about God influences how you treat others and Biblical hospitality is treating foreigners or strangers like family. Today Pastor Peter talked to us about what it means to be rescued rescuers.

### Questions:

- Why did Jesus come? Take a stab at it in your groups.

**Read:** John 6:38, Luke 4:14-20 and Luke 19:10.

- Now answer again. Why did Jesus come?
- What does it mean to seek? What does salvation mean according to the Bible?

There are times when Jesus is insulted for eating with sinners. He doesn't just call them sinners though. He says they are sick (Luke 5:31) or lost. Pastor Peter explained to us that this word for lost means fully destroy, or cut off entirely. There is finality to this word. It is these people that Jesus saves. The final word of lostness is less than the final word of Jesus. We also looked at the story of Zacchaeus. He was lost, but his being found by Jesus is something that causes Zacchaeus to rejoice.

- Is there a time in your life when you were rescued by Jesus? Many of us don't have a distinct moment as Peter said yesterday. There is still a way of life that demonstrated lostness. If there wasn't a moment, can you name what characterized your way of life?
- What does it mean that often in the church "reaching people is more of a good intention rather than an unrelenting strategy?"
- If we believe that the greatest form of discipleship is life on life rescue, and we believe that, what are the implications?