

sermon notes

JESUS

Part 2

“But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: ‘Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.’”

Isaiah 43:1 NKJV

1. Jesus called people by name

Luke 19:1-10

- a. Jesus called Zacchaeus
- b. Jesus came to seek and find that which was lost
- c. If Jesus knows my name, He knows my life

2. Jesus communicated to people “You belong”

Matthew 9:9-13

- a. Religion says BEHAVE, BELEIVE, and then you BELONG
- b. Jesus said, BELONG, BELEIVE, and BEHAVE

Ephesians 2:8-10

Notes:

Consider and Discuss

- Share with the group what God knowing your name means to you.
- How can you personally do a better job at communicating to people they BELONG to God?
- How can we as a Church do a better job and communicating to people they BELONG to God?
- Look at this verse in Romans and discuss how we might try and “earn” grace:

“So how do we fit what we know of Abraham, our first father in the faith, into this new way of looking at things? If Abraham, by what he did for God, got God to approve him, he could certainly have taken credit for it. But the story we’re given is a God-story, not an Abraham-story. What we read in Scripture is, “Abraham entered into what God was doing for him, and that was the turning point. He trusted God to set him right instead of trying to be right on his own.” If you’re a hard worker and do a good job, you deserve your pay; we don’t call your wages a gift. But if you see that the job is too big for you, that it’s something only God can do, and you trust him to do it—you could never do it for yourself no matter how hard and long you worked—well, that trusting-him-to-do-it is what gets you set right with God, by God. Sheer gift.”

Romans 4:1-5 MSG

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