

Deeply Rooted Week 11: Just Give Me a Chance!

Scripture: [Luke 19:1-20](#)

Video Lesson:

<https://vimeo.com/642900538>

Our Prayer:

Almighty God, show me how to encourage those around me and show generosity through my deeds, words and actions.
Amen.

Memorable Quotes:

Blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.
— Elizabeth Bibesco, in *Haven: Short Stories, Poems, and Aphorisms*

The way to develop the best that is in a man is by appreciation and encouragement.
— Charles M. Schwab (quoted in Eugene Clyde Brooks, *Education for Democracy*)

Questions for Reflection:

- Have you ever embarrassed yourself trying to get someone's attention?
- How do you think Zaccheus felt when he was recognized and encouraged by Jesus?
- In what ways can we recognize and encourage the people around us?
- How are *we* likely to respond to similar encouragement? Does it compel us to turn and pay it forward?

Practices to Adopt:

- Reread the scripture from Luke. What stands out to you about these verses?
- Pray this week's prayer (above)
- Brainstorm with your group about ways you can be generous together.
- Encourage a friend with a compliment. Tell them why you appreciate them.
- Generosity requires practice. This week, not only practice being generous but also talk with people around you about generosity and why it is important.

Resources to Go Deeper:

Bible Project ("Generosity" [video](#) and [podcast](#))

Rob Bell, *Nooma vol. 7: [Luggage](#)*

Hopelifter: Creative Ways to Spread Hope When Life Hurts, by Kathe Wunnenberg

In the Name of Jesus, by Henri Nouwen

Defying Gravity: Break Free from the Culture of More, by Tom Berlin