



I. INTRO/What's happening in Student Ministry?

A. Student Ministry

- The Retreat / Beginning of Sycamore
- Bringing the Sycamore Idea to the Students
- Sycamore Fund
- Testimonies from the Sycamore Necklaces
- A Note from a teacher
 - I went home last night and I thought what an amazing blessing!

I am not really good with words...so here goes...when you stated that you have been praying for me I was taken back. That is such an amazing gift your family has provided me. I appreciate it from the very bottom of my heart. I am sorry I was not able to convey this last night. You asked how can we pray differently...you cannot. I feel blessed and honored that you would consider doing this for me.

Thank you! I appreciate it so very much!!! You have no idea....

B. Great things are happening within the Student Ministry of Joy and they are reasons to celebrate

II. The Sycamore Tree

Luke 19:1-10 New International Version (NIV)

Zacchaeus the Tax Collector

19 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. ²A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. ³He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

⁵When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."⁶ So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

⁷All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."

⁸But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."

⁹Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."



- It's an incredible story. But to understand it completely one needs to know what was happening in the background.

A. So what does this story have to do with us?

- Why is it important that we know the story of a guy whose name I can't even spell let alone say?
- How is this story supposed to impact my life?

B. We have more in common with Zacchaeus than you might think.

- We've all ended up in a place where we never intended to be.

III. THE ONE THING

A. Zacchaeus did ONE THING and it transformed his life.

- He climbed a tree

B. What is THE ONE THING that you could do that would transform your life.

- Pastor Brian has said, "God will do what He can do. But He'll very rarely do what you can do."

C. We play a part in seeing transformation happen in our life. So again...What is The One Thing you can do?