

November 12, 2023 – Pastor Bill



Please | Respect
Sorry | Empathy
Thanks | Gratitude

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.

Hebrews 4:15

Luke 19:1-6

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

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

Luke 19:7-8

Zaccheus demonstrates his belief through words and actions.

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

Luke 19:9-10

Jesus is always on mission.

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

That God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God has given us opportunity to follow Him.

SORRY

Would you reach out (and say SORRY) to one person this week?

Discussion Questions

1. Think of a time when someone genuinely said to you, "I'm sorry." How did that make you feel? Did it help your relationship with that person?
2. How does the word "sorry" show empathy and compassion for others? How important are actions when it comes to saying "sorry"?
3. Who is one person (this week) you can reach out to and say "sorry"? Pray that this will improve your relationship with that person. Pray that this will improve your (and their) relationship with God.