

Narratives

It's easy to think we have someone figured out based on a few quick data points. But for us to see others the way God sees them, we have to trade in the narratives we create about people and instead get to know them.

Discussion Questions

- 1. What is one restaurant or type of food on your "never" list? That is, what will you never eat again? What causes you to say that? If not food, what's something else on your "never" list? A brand of clothing? A movie with a certain performer? A place to visit?
- 2. Read Luke 19:1–10.
 - What stands out to you?
 - In verses 5–6, what emotions would you guess Zacchaeus is processing?
- 3. What is one relationship or one category of people you have created a premature and possibly unfair narrative of? When you consider that other person or group, which of these statements is most true? What makes you think that?
 - · I've made assumptions about this person or group before really knowing their story.
 - I put myself morally above this person or group.
 - I've given up on this person or group.
- 4. Based on your answer to the previous question, is it possible you need to hear a story, rethink someone's value, and/or give them a second chance? Could you be intentional about doing that? How do you think the person you're thinking of will respond if you reach out?

God knows your name. I God sees your value. I God gives multiple chances.

Prayer: God help me see others the way you see them so I can treat them the way you treat me.