



## It's Personal: wk1 Too Shallow

Introduction: One of our ways of coping with the world is by often keeping people at arms-length. We feel like we won't be too disappointed if we don't care too much. We won't be hurt too deeply if we don't let people to close. There are times that is actually helpful, but when we live that way in the relationships that should be the closest to us-we lose out and find ourselves isolated from the love we need the most. The challenge is to stop being so shallow-to actually be personal with at least a few-both for our good and for theirs.

### Discussion Questions

1. Can you think of a time when keeping things on a shallow level actually is helpful? What risk is involved when you decide to be more open, to go deeper?
2. When you think about Jesus' life and ministry. What examples can you think of where Jesus was personal, maybe closer than you would expect for someone so important?
3. Read Luke 19:1-10 If this story is familiar-tell what you remember of it without looking. What do you know about Zacchaeus? What did those that lived in Jericho think about Zacchaeus?
4. There is a quote that was shared in the sermon: "Jesus never got so busy trying to save everyone that He didn't stop to help someone." React to that statement-can you think of other times where Jesus stopped to help someone, but maybe not everyone? Should not being able to help everyone keep us from helping someone?
5. What do you think Zacchaeus expected as he found a place to watch Jesus go by? How did the way Jesus saw Zacchaeus affect the way everyone else saw him, including Zacchaeus?
6. Is there someone who has influenced your life or faith personally? What did they do? In what ways can you make ministry personal for you moving forward?

**Shaping Your Mind** *Luke 19: 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today."*

**Moving Forward** – Who is it that needs you to stop and see them? To lead someone well, it will need to be personal.