

SERMON
OUTLINE

REAL TALK: CANCEL
CULTURE

LUKE 19:1-10 | REV. DONG VILLATITO

Cancel culture is a societal pattern where individuals faced swift judgment, condemnation, and social exclusion. While technology has intensified this phenomenon today, the impulse to shame and reject others is fundamentally ancient. In Luke 19, we meet Zacchaeus, arguably the most ostracized man in Jericho. As the chief tax collector, his life was marked by corruption and widespread rejection. Yet this account raised a profound question: What happened when Jesus—the Savior of the world—intentionally engaged the very person society had deemed unworthy? Let us examine how Christ shattered condemnation and offered a transformative path to restoration.

Jesus entered Jericho, merely passing through, and was met

by a man named Zacchaeus, a wealthy chief tax collector. Eager to see Jesus, Zacchaeus found himself blocked by the crowd—his short stature made it impossible to catch a glimpse. Undeterred, he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree, knowing Jesus would pass that way. (Luke 19:1-4).

When Jesus reached that spot, He stopped, looked up, and called Zacchaeus by name, instructing him to come down immediately, for He must stay at his house that day. Zacchaeus responded with joy, quickly descending and welcoming Jesus into his home. The crowd, however, grumbled, criticizing Jesus for associating with a known sinner (Luke 19:5-7).

In response, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and made a

public declaration: he would give half of his possessions to the poor and repay anyone he had defrauded fourfold—far exceeding what the law required. Jesus affirmed this act of repentance, proclaiming that salvation had come to Zacchaeus’s house and that he, too, was a son of Abraham. Jesus concluded with His mission statement: “The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost» (Luke 19:8-10).

May this message challenge believers to reject the spirit of cancel culture and embrace Christ’s mission of radical grace—recognizing that no one stands beyond the reach of redemption end. ✱

YOUNG ADULTS CROSSROAD
WEEKEND: NOT READY, STILL CHOSEN

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This year’s Crossroad Weekend was more than just a retreat. It was a divine appointment for every young adult who chose to say “yes” to God’s call. Held at CCT Tagaytay from October 31 to November 2, it was a three-day journey of rediscovering identity, surrendering hidden idols, embracing assurance, and living in God’s strength, just as God did with Gideon in the Book of Judges.

Our plenaries set the tone for each day. In Plenary One: “The Warrior You Don’t Believe You Are”, we saw how God redefines us according to His truth, not our fears. We moved to Plenary Two: “No Room for Idols”, where we learned that obedience begins with tearing down whatever competes for God’s place in our lives. Plenary Three: “God of Assurance, Source of Courage” reminded us that God meets us with patience, giving what we need for the faith He demands. Finally, Plenary Four: “Less of Me, All of Him” sealed the truth that real transformation happens not through our strength, but by God working through our surrender.

But Crossroad was not just built on messages. It was held together by moments of fellowship over meals, quiet laughter over coffee, shared frustrations over icebreakers, and genuine tears during worship. There were games that pushed us out of our comfort zones and bonded us through joy and humility. There was worship night, where we lifted our voices and laid down our walls, believing in breakthrough, healing, and revival.

One of the most memorable parts was Silence and Solitude: a 2-hour worshipful walk with God. Different stations were set up around the venue: writing prayers in front of a cross, casting burdens on water using stones, staring into a mirror while confronting self-doubt, building a heart from broken tiles to remember God’s mending power, writing Scripture-led prayers, and simply singing to God without rush. Many of us found healing in the quiet. Many of us found purpose in the stillness. All of us found God, closer than we thought, kinder than we expected, and stronger than we’ve trusted.

PARSON
TO PERSON

Praise God to our church family who supported the revival of our Young Adults community—whether through prayers or monetary value. You have no idea how God used your faithfulness to touch hearts and change lives.

Through this community, we recognized something clear: Christian walk is not meant to be lived alone. God calls us in community, strengthens us in community, and sends us out from community. And because of that, we are inviting you not to a program, but to a family. If you are a young adult who does not belong to a Growth Group or in a community yet, don’t delay. You need people who will walk with you, pray with you, and remind you that God is still at work, even when you forget. And if you know one, connect them to us.

As we continue forward, let this be our resolve: to never walk alone. Because God calls the willing, strengthens the weak, and plants them in community to run the race together. ✱

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