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- 1.** Is there anything that particularly caught your attention, confused or challenged you as a result of hearing Sunday's sermon?
- 2.** What most easily distracts you from an important task? (Sports game; spider solitaire; spouse asking for help; nap time, etc.)
- 3.** What tasks do you find the easiest to stay completely concentrated upon? Can you think of a moment in your life when you were so focused that nothing could have distracted you?
- 4.** According to Sunday's message what was the primary purpose of the task of the Lord Jesus during his earthly sojourn?
- 5.** Why could both Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus be considered distractions to Jesus? What were the conditions that may have directed His attention elsewhere than to these two persons?

6. Undoubtedly the Lord Jesus ministered to people all throughout the three or four years of his public ministry. John tells us that there would not be enough room in the libraries of His day to keep record of all that Christ did (John 21:25).
- a. Why do you think that the two episodes with Bartimaeus and Zacchaeus stood out to be recorded in Luke's Gospel?
 - b. What is Luke trying to show us or tell us through this story?
7. Considering Isaiah 53:11 what were some of the forces that rested upon Christ as He hung on the cross?

Isaiah 53:11

Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

- a. The words "by his knowledge" may also be translated as "with full knowledge." What did Christ know about you, your sin, your punishment before He died on the cross?
8. In Matthew 6:32 Jesus mentions various needs that sometimes dominate our concerns and says, "Your heavenly Father knows you have need of these things." What are some of your concerns that you hope are getting the attention, yes even "distracting" the Lord Jesus today?

- 9.** What do we learn about the distractions of the Lord Jesus that set an example for what we should prioritize or let our eyes and heart often wander upon?
- 10.** What purpose of Christ should be our purpose as well?



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