

THE RESPONSIBLES

PART 2: LOOKING BACK

CONNECT

When someone apologizes but doesn't change their behavior, how does that land with you?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week to further explore what you talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Why is it tempting to want forgiveness from God without addressing the damage we've done to others?
2. Has anyone ever come back to take responsibility for a mess they left you with? If so, how did it affect you?
3. In the story of Zacchaeus, what do you think changed him more: Jesus accepting him or the responsibility Zacchaeus chose to take afterward?
4. Is there a relationship, situation, or unresolved moment from your past that you've minimized, justified, or avoided owning? What do you think your next step is?

BEFORE NEXT TIME

This week, take inventory. Ask yourself:

- Is there something I need to own?
- Is there someone I owe honesty, restitution, or acknowledgment to?

Take time to pray and ask God to give you the courage to take the next step with what you discover.

PRAY

Heavenly Father, give us courage to face what we've left behind, humility to take responsibility, and trust that obedience leads to freedom. Where our faith has stalled at belief, give it feet. Amen.