

you **matter.**

## Week #1: You Matter to God

### Four False-Flags of Measuring My Worth

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*When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.*

*All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner."*

*But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount."*

*Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."*

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Luke 3:17 (NLT)

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## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

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2. From whom or what do you find self-worth or value? Are you more apt to seek recognition from others for your achievements, or from Scripture that shows how God sees you?
3. Who in your circle of friends, family and co-workers might need a word of encouragement to make them feel known and seen?

## **RESOURCE LIST**

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- AFFLUENCE.
- ACHIEVEMENT.
- APPROVAL.

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