



# THE POINT

*Accept what responsibility is yours.*

## **PROBLEM:**

My situation is not my fault – at least not all my fault. I want to place both blame and responsibility on who is at fault.

## **SOLUTION:**

Take responsibility for what is your responsibility. No not everything is your responsibility. Jesus was able to see Zacchaeus because Zacchaeus took personal responsibility to overcome every obstacle to see Jesus first.

## **APPLICATION:**

Do you want Jesus to be merciful towards you or to just play the blame game. What responsibility do you have to overcome?

## **SCRIPTURE:**

*Luke 19:1-10 NIV*

# LEADER WIN

Pain sucks. Suffering pain is unfair and unequal. My heart breaks for all the pain around us. Our students don't have it easy. Some have it harder than others.

Our society is excellent at finding and placing blame. Blame isn't just assigning fault. Blame assigns responsibility. Fault is cause of what happened. Responsibility on the other hand is the cause of could be. We cannot control what victimized us but we can take responsibility to become overcomers.

If you want mercy (*to be seen compassionately by Jesus*) then take responsibility to be seen by Jesus.

**MAKE IT WELCOMING:** *Help the students believe they BELONG.*

1. How are you?! What is new in your life?
2. What are you involved in this week (sports, band, choir, or extracurricular activities). What are your schedules? We would like to come watch and support you.

**MAKE IT REAL:** *Help the students see themselves in God's word.*

1. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the pain our community is experiencing (*where 1 is none and 10 is excruciating*)? WHY? How would you describe our world's relationship to pain and why (*how do they feel and react to it*)?
2. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate your personal pain (*where 1 is none and 10 is excruciating*)? What factors are contributing to your pain?

**MAKE IT PERSONAL:** *Help the students take action steps this week.*

3. READ EPHESIANS 2:1-10.
4. How does Paul describe God's mercy? To what limits will God's mercy go?
5. What does God's mercy do for those who are willing to receive it? What makes receiving it difficult for you?
6. We know it's not your fault, but what responsibility could you take? If you want to see Jesus, what can you do this week?

**PRAY TOGETHER:**

How can we pray for you? What healing can we specifically ask God to help you experience?