

# NAMES OF GOD

## HOW BOASTING IN GOD'S NAME TRANSFORMS YOUR SOUL

**Week 7: October 18-24**

**10min** Welcome / Introduce Guests / Share Life  
Recall the Guidelines / Open in Prayer

**2min** *Share the Vision: "Disciple-making is the process that disciple-makers engage in when they invest into the lives of those God calls them to disciple." – Brandon Guindon (Disciple Making Culture)*

**5min** **Hook Question:** When was a time you were encouraged by someone different from you? (ex. different religion, culture, raised in a different country, political preference, etc.)

**Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:**

**2min** Jesus had many enemies during His time on earth. The Pharisees, who were strict keepers of the law, were especially against Him. In their minds, doing exactly what the law of Moses said, and then some, was being righteous. They condemned anyone they believed was disobeying God's law. They believed associating with sinners (prostitutes, adulterers, the sick/unclean, tax collectors, etc.) was wrong. Tax collectors were often some of the worst sinners, because they oppressed the Jews by stealing from the people. Jews who were tax collectors were considered traitors to their own people. But Jesus did not live or believe as the Pharisees did. He was on a mission to bring salvation to ALL people.

One day Jesus and His disciples were approaching Jericho on their way to Jerusalem. A crowd was with Him on the road. They could not wait to see what He would do next! A blind man heard the crowd. Once he learned that Jesus was the cause for this crowd, he cried out loud for Jesus to have mercy on Him and allow his sight to be restored. Jesus granted his request and restored the blind man's sight. He and all those who witnessed the miracle glorified God.

As Jesus and the crowd entered Jericho, there was still plenty of excitement. Everyone wanted to see Jesus including a chief tax collector named Zacchaeus. This is where our story begins...

**12min** **Tell the story from Luke 19:1-10** Remember to change up the storyteller often.  
**Rebuild the story:** Group members retell the story based on what they remember.  
**Read the story from Luke 19:1-10** Ask the group to read these verses.

**Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...**

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| <p>Head Questions:<br/>Quicker tempo.</p>                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do you like or dislike about this story?</li> <li>• What does this story teach us about ourselves?</li> <li>• What does this story teach us about God? (Remember Jesus is God)</li> </ul> |
| <p>Heart &amp; Hand Questions:<br/>Slow down &amp; wait!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do you need to apply this story to your life this week?</li> <li>• Who could retell the story for us? <b>CHALLENGE:</b> Tell the story to someone this week!</li> </ul>                    |
- *Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.*