



"Only the little people pay taxes" said the rich hotel queen, Leona Helmsley, who is now paying dearly for tax evasion. What a contrast of attitude with God's compassion for "the little people." Our study introduces us to 3 examples of whom society considered insignificant—little children, a blind beggar and a tax collector. They represent the different kinds of people God loves.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read & meditate on [Luke 18:15-19:10](#). Jot down 1 or 2 new thoughts that seem important to you. Why are they important to you?
2. The disciples represent their society's attitude toward children - they're insignificant ([Luke 18:15](#)). How does Jesus give significance to the children?
3. In contrast, [Luke 18:18-30](#) is about a "somebody" who disqualifies himself from the kingdom. He has everything society considers admirable and desirable. But what condition for eternal life does he lack ([Luke 18:22](#))?
4. In [Luke 18:31-34](#) Jesus' 4<sup>th</sup> prediction to the 12 about His coming violent death again meets with lack of understanding. Their beliefs about riches and political agenda ([19:11](#)) deafens them to Jesus' intent. Then in [18:35-45](#) Luke introduces us to someone who represents another group of nobodies. What is unusual about the beggar's attitude and title that catches Jesus' attention?
5. Jericho was a rich agricultural town, a popular resort for royalty and priests. What kind of character would a chief tax collector in such a town likely develop?
6. What other side of Zaccheus surfaces in [19:3-6](#) and [8](#)?

### MOVING FORWARD

Pray for those who are considered insignificant in your community. How does Jesus' example with Zaccheus show you how you might share the gospel? Which "outsider" or "nobody" from your circle of influence could you introduce to Jesus?

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

["10 For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost."](#) Luke 19:10