



Year C – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time: Conversion/Change of Heart

***{Start with reviewing the previous Meetings Challenge or discuss prior to sharing this week's challenge.}**

Let's Begin: Think about how the challenge went for the last session. What went well? What was difficult?

Opening Prayer:

Begin with a brief moment of silence shaking off any and all distractions or difficulties of the day and remembering that God is always with us.

Read: **Luke 19: 1-10** - <https://bible.usccb.org/> - 10/30/2022, refer to All Souls Day readings for 11/2/2025, 11/5/2028

After the Reading Conclude with this prayer:

Heavenly Father, give me the courage and strength to welcome You into my home, into my heart, into every corner of my life. Strengthen me to climb and overcome any obstacle that keeps me from seeing You. Amen.

Reflection or Discussion Question:

1. What actions did Zacchaeus take that showed his willingness to convert his way of life?

YouTube Video: Catholic Stories - John Oberg: Mercy & Grace (7.47 min) –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jt3apdVPQfE>

Reflection or Discussion Questions:

2. Any general thoughts about John's testimony? Was there something that really resonated with you or moved you?
3. In the video John says, "If I'm in a relationship with a person and all I am doing is learning ABOUT that person, it's kinda creepy...I want to know and be known." What do you think about this statement? Have you seen this play out in your own life?
4. In the video John says, "I realize for me that I have to be converting every day." What does this mean to you? How have you seen this played out in your own life? Is there something you can do to help daily conversion along?
5. What do you think about the statement that "conversion is not so much about us finding God, but rather allowing ourselves to be found by Him"?
6. The Catechism defines conversion as, "a radical reorientation of the whole life away from sin and evil, and toward God." Have you seen this in your own life or the life of anyone close to you?

Session Challenges: {Choose one or both}

- Pray the prayer found on the next page each day for continued conversion.
- A step to conversion is cleaning our souls. Read the information found at this link: [Sacrament of Confession](#) and go to confession if you are Catholic.

Closing Prayer: (Leaders: We recommended offering time during the closing prayer for participants to offer personal intentions.)

Heavenly Father, we desire to know You and be known by You. We pray to see You with fresh eyes every day. Stir in our souls the desire to renew our faith and deepen our relationships with Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we might truly believe in and live the Good News. Touch our hearts and refresh our souls so that we may always be on fire with love for You. We ask all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

{Optional additional Readings} Sunday Reading 1: **Wis 11:22-12:3**; Sunday Reading 2: **2 Thes 1:11-2:2**



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