

**Encounter these verses today:**  
*(circle) words that you identify with,  
underline phrases or sentences you'd  
like to remember, write questions about  
the passage out to the side ...*



**Luke 19:1- [NIV]  
The Story of Zacchaeus**

<sup>1</sup>Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. <sup>2</sup>A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. <sup>3</sup>He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd. <sup>4</sup>So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." <sup>6</sup>So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

<sup>7</sup>All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.' "

<sup>8</sup>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."

<sup>9</sup>Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup>For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

The graphic features the text "Spiritual STIMULUS Plan" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below it is the Flushing community church logo. To the right is a photograph of a man in a white shirt and tie pointing upwards at a line graph. The graph has a vertical axis from 0 to 35 and a horizontal axis with five bars. Three lines (green, yellow, and red) are plotted on the graph, showing various trends. Below the graph is the text "September 12, 2010 | Pastor Terry Bate".



# Digging Deeper | 2010

[Engage the message throughout the week]

## Monday: 9.13.2010

**Reading:** Luke 19:1-10

We begin our week by reviewing our story from Sunday. Have you ever felt like Zacchaeus? An outsider? Beyond hope? Distant from God?

**My prayer for today:**

O God of renewal, help me feel your Presence in my spirit today. I invite you to come close and call my name!

**Pray for:** *Families: Young & Zimmerman*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Tuesday: 9.14.2010

**Reading:** 1 Peter 5:5-11

Today's reading has lot's of great practical teaching in it. What sticks out to you as the one thing God may be challenging you with or encouraging you toward?

**My prayer for today:**

May Your love restore me today. May Your Spirit strengthen my resolve. May You dwell in my thoughts, O God!

**Pray for:** *Families: Adams & Andrews*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Wednesday: 9.15.2010

**Reading:** Isaiah 40:30-31

Keeping our spiritual journey moving forward is not easy. It's completely normal to have bad days, weeks, months and even years. The secret is seeking the renewal that only God can offer.

**My prayer for today:**

I want to soar today, Lord. Help me to set my sights on you and fill me with your love and mercy!

**Pray for:** *Families: Arndt & Bacon*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Thursday: 9.16.2010

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 4:7-18

Jars of clay were very common in the ancient world for storing valuables. Holy scriptures were recently discovered in such jars near the Dead Sea. Do you value the treasure of your faith? Do you protect it and keep it growing and expanding?

**The Challenge for today:**

Share with a family member today about how treasured your renewal of faith is to you. Acknowledge your shortcomings but be clear in your desire to see God move in your life!

**Pray for:** *Families: Baragwanath & Barclay*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Friday: 9.17.2010

**Reading:** John 1:15-17

This Sunday we are going to continue our conversation about stimulating our spiritual journey. Now that we have discovered the power of renewal, let's consider how God moves us forward by grace. Grace is a challenging concept for many of us but unlocking its potential can be radical!!

**My prayer for today:**

God, remind me that I am nothing outside of your grace.

**Pray for:** *Families: Barrett & Basinger*

**Reflections:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Reflections on this week:** \_\_\_\_\_

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