Kailua Christian Church
Sunday Message Series
January 2- February 6, 2022
New Beginnings
Clarify, Confidence and Compassion
Luke 4:1-21
Sunday January 23, 2022

"'The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour. 20 And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'" Luke 4:18-21

Building Others Vision for Better Luke 19:1-10

"He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ² A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴ So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Him, because He was going to pass that way. ⁵ When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶ So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him. ⁷ All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸ Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹ Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

Jesus Builds Others Vision for Better by...

I. Seeing each person as one who is seeking

"A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³ He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature." Luke 19:2-3

Who is someone in your life you might have more compassion for if you saw them as seeking?

II. Embracing each person as a friend

"When Jesus came to the place, He looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' So he hurried down and was happy to welcome Him." Luke 19:5-6

Why are we selective about who we might call a friend?

III. Affirming how love works into change for better

"Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰ For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." Luke 19:9-10

Who is someone God may be asking you to love with open hands? Why is it challenging to trust that love will have its way?