

MISSIONAL GROUPS

Dinner With Jesus
August 24
Luke 19:1-10

WELCOME – Potluck – Sharing a meal together. Icebreaker questions with group members to connect with one another relationally and get everyone comfortable with sharing.

- Ask how they've seen God working in their lives since you met last. (or relating to the previous meeting's discussion)

What changes when you welcome Jesus in?

WORSHIP - *after dinner* - to draw our hearts to the Lord and invite Him into our discussion

- Join in singing a worship song:
- (found on this link: <https://vimeo.com/showcase/11393450>)

WORD - Facilitate discussion using the guide below and to consider how the sermon applies to our lives

Focus: Life Change at the Table

Luke 19:1-10

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

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

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

⁸But 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."

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

Discussion Questions:

1. Who are the "Zacchaeus types" in our world today—the people society often avoids, cancels, or labels as unworthy? How does it challenge you to think that Jesus looks beyond the crowd and sees individuals—including you?
2. Zacchaeus responded with generosity and restitution. Why do you think true repentance produces joy? Repentance often has both a private and a public side. What does it look like to live out repentance in practical ways today?
3. Zacchaeus's life was completely turned around after encountering Jesus. In what ways has salvation changed your life? How might our homes, families, and communities be transformed if we lived with the kind of joy and generosity Zacchaeus displayed?
4. Jesus said He came to "seek and to save the lost" (v.10). What would it look like for you to join Jesus in that mission this week?
5. Who is one person in your life you can intentionally see, love, and invite into fellowship—just like Jesus did with Zacchaeus?

WITNESS: Joining Jesus in His mission

In response to what you learned about today, discuss and reflect on the following questions:

Jesus' self-invitation leads to repentance and joyful generosity. What is God challenging you in your heart and what we learned about God's love of grace and mercy and how we respond to it.

Based on what I learned today what are some ways that I will live differently?

How will I apply these scriptures in my day-to-day life?

Take time to pray for each other that God would help us understand joyful repentance.