

Be a Good Neighbor



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A Place Where You're Welcome



Luke 19:1-2

JESUS ENTERED JERICHO AND
WAS PASSING THROUGH. A
MAN WAS THERE BY THE
NAME OF ZACCHAEUS; HE
WAS A CHIEF TAX
COLLECTOR AND WAS
WEALTHY.

Luke 19:3-4

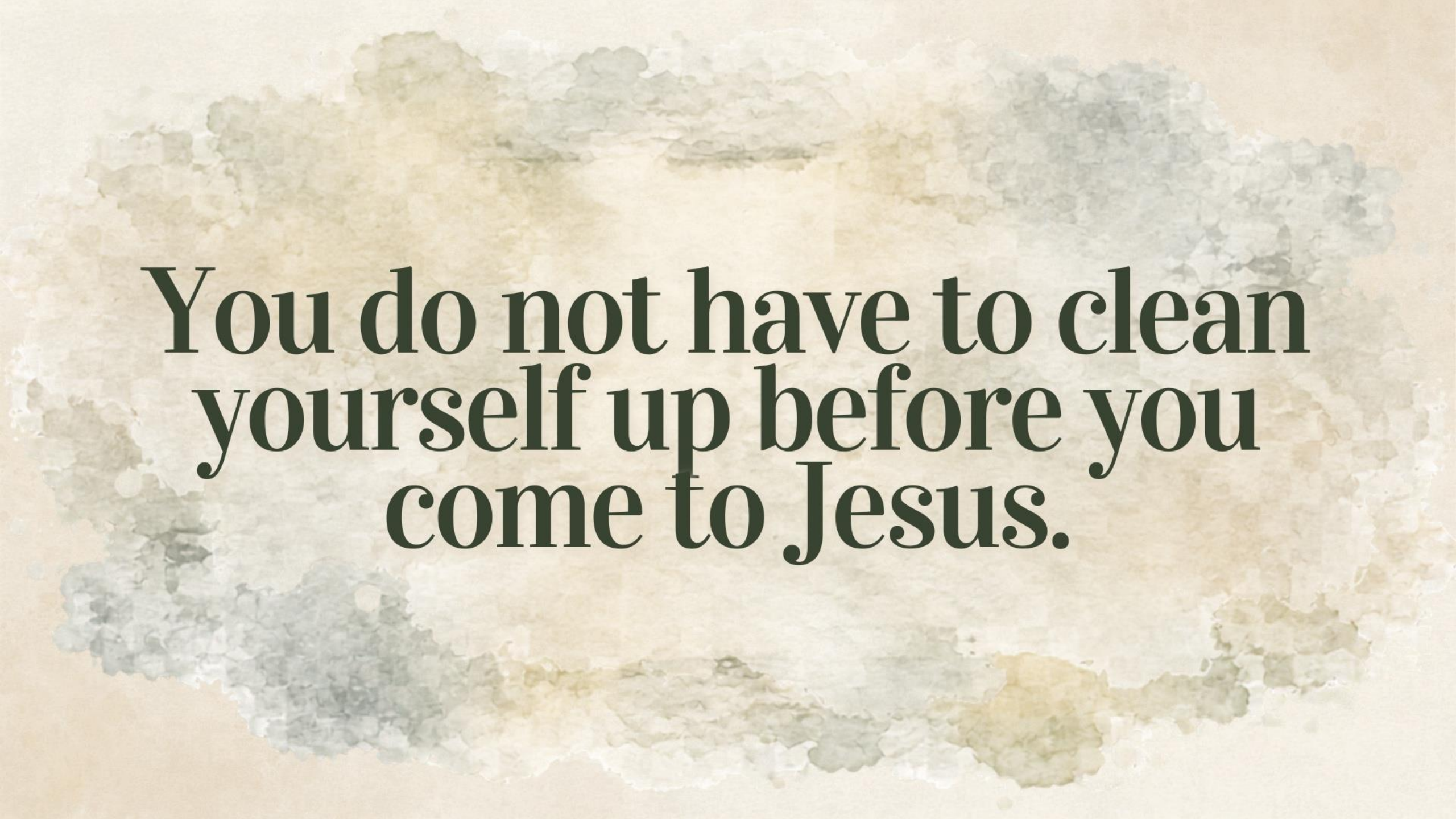
HE WANTED TO SEE WHO JESUS WAS, BUT BECAUSE HE WAS SHORT HE COULD NOT SEE OVER THE CROWD. SO HE RAN AHEAD AND CLIMBED A SYCAMORE-FIG TREE TO SEE HIM, SINCE JESUS WAS COMING THAT WAY.

Luke 19:5

WHEN JESUS REACHED THE SPOT,
HE LOOKED UP AND SAID TO HIM,
"ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN
IMMEDIATELY. I MUST STAY AT
YOUR HOUSE TODAY."

Luke 19:5-6

WHEN JESUS REACHED THE SPOT,
HE LOOKED UP AND SAID TO HIM,
"ZACCHAEUS, COME DOWN
IMMEDIATELY. I MUST STAY AT
YOUR HOUSE TODAY." SO HE
CAME DOWN AT ONCE AND
WELCOMED HIM GLADLY.



**You do not have to clean
yourself up before you
come to Jesus.**

Luke 19:7

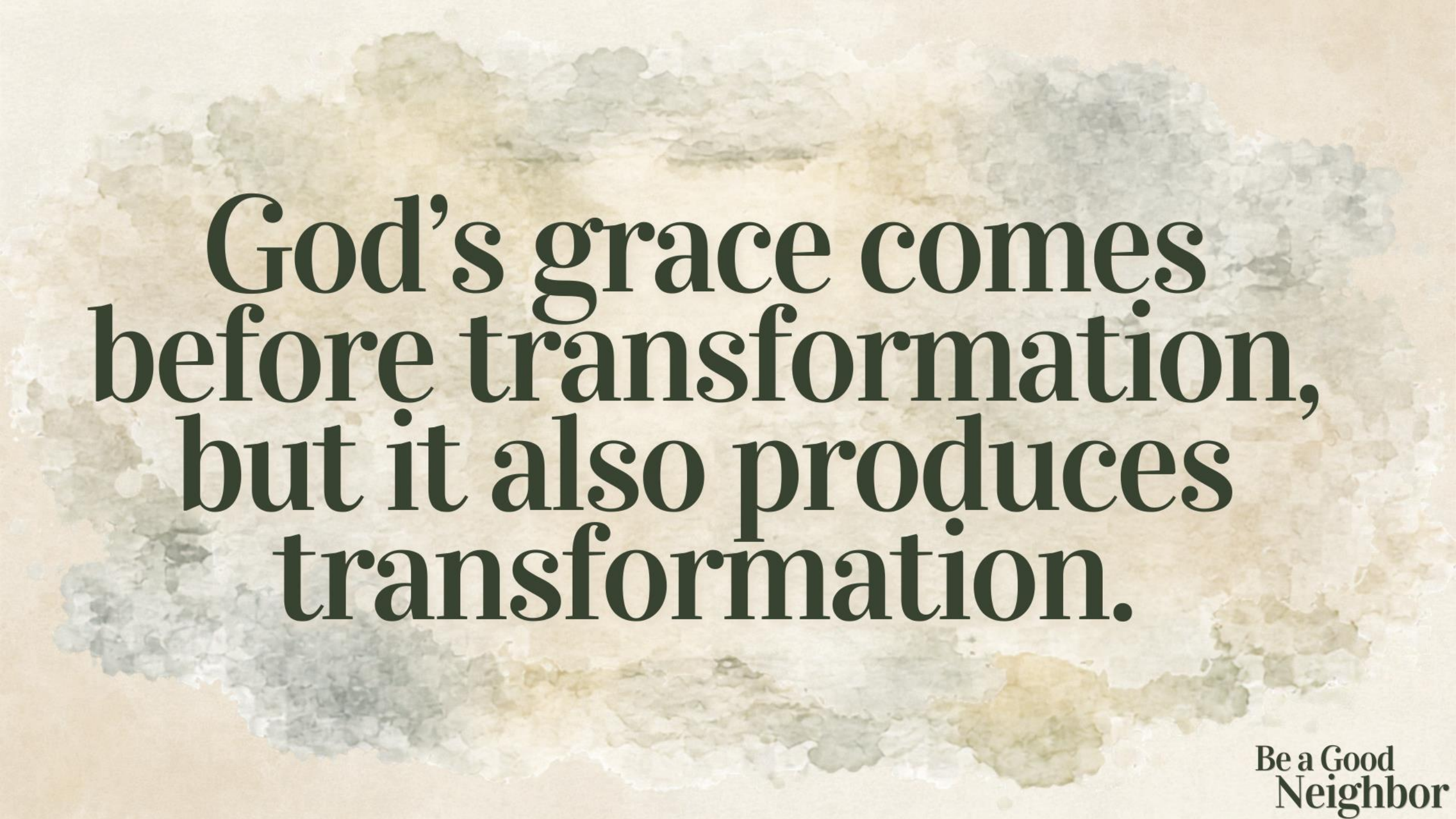
ALL THE PEOPLE SAW THIS AND
BEGAN TO MUTTER, "HE HAS GONE
TO BE THE GUEST OF A SINNER."

Luke 5:31-32

JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "IT IS NOT THE HEALTHY WHO NEED A DOCTOR, BUT THE SICK. I HAVE NOT COME TO CALL THE RIGHTEOUS, BUT SINNERS TO REPENTANCE."

Luke 19:8

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."



God's grace comes
before transformation,
but it also produces
transformation.

Luke 19:9-10

JESUS SAID TO HIM, "TODAY
SALVATION HAS COME TO THIS
HOUSE, BECAUSE THIS MAN, TOO,
IS A SON OF ABRAHAM. FOR THE
SON OF MAN CAME TO SEEK AND
TO SAVE THE LOST."

COME TO JESUS

Be a Good
Neighbor

Discussion Questions

1. What do you think makes someone feel genuinely welcome somewhere?

2. What stood out to you from Zacchaeus's story today?

Discussion Questions

1. What could keep a church from being a place where people feel safe to come as they are? What can we do about that?
2. Where are we sometimes tempted to expect people to change before we're willing to move toward them?
3. What is one practical way you could help someone feel seen, welcomed, or able to encounter Jesus this week?