

## At The Table: "There You Are!"

Luke 19: 1-10

### Small Group Discussion Guide

#### Intro Questions:

- What do you do to welcome friends to your home?

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- Read the story of Zacchaeus aloud.
- Zacchaeus had several things preventing him from seeing Jesus. Do you have days where you find it difficult to connect with God? What seems to stand in your way?
- Zacchaeus climbed a tree to see Jesus. From answers to the question above, what do you do on the days when you have trouble seeing Jesus?
- What does it mean for us that Jesus invites himself to Zacchaeus' house, and not the other way around? Have you noticed times when Jesus is inviting himself into your life? When? What did that look like?
- Andy pointed out that "Christianity is a relationship, not a religion." Do you agree? What difference does this make for us as followers of Christ? Does this change how we discuss our faith with others?
- In verse 10, Jesus says he came to seek and save the lost. Who are "the lost"? What does this statement say about God?
- Andy mentioned that a good place to start inviting Jesus into your life is to start the morning with a quick prayer asking Jesus to be present in your day. What other ways can we welcome Jesus into our daily lives?

#### Prayer and sharing:

- If you're comfortable, share with each other what has been preventing you from being close to God this week. Pray for each other in this way.
- Pray for those loved ones, friends, or neighbors in your life whom you think Jesus is asking to come into their lives but they seem resistant.
- Pray for our church, that we would always be one that welcomes Jesus, and welcomes others in His name.
- Share any other specific prayer requests with each other and pray for each other in that way.