

# **Moving In**

## **Jesus Encounters Message Series Week 4**

### **Luke 19:1-10**

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#### **Three Main Characters:**

- Jesus
- Zacchaeus
- The Crowd

#### **Jesus' Mission:** (John 1:1-4, 1:14, 10:10, 12:46; Luke 5:31-32)

Jesus' self-proclaimed mission was to seek and save the lost, be a light to those in darkness, heal the sick, and bring life from death.

#### **Four Prayers:**

**1. Pray to have the heart of Jesus.** (Luke 15, 7:34; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-12)

- The lost matter to Jesus.

“As the ground erodes beneath our feet, we tend to fight for our rights in the public square and slam our opponents on social media. We're fearful about our future. Yet fear of the future isn't necessarily the problem. We actually don't seem fearful enough, not nearly as exasperated or concerned about the certain and dreadful end of our unbelieving neighbors as we should be.”

Elliot Clark, *Evangelism as Exiles*, The Gospel Coalition, Minneapolis, MN, 2019, p. 21.

- A real heart for people doesn't view them as projects. It doesn't view them as problems. It develops genuine, authentic relationships because we genuinely care about the person.

## 2. Pray to have the feet of Jesus.

- We have to move into their neighborhoods.
- We need to be purposely present.

## 3. Pray to have the hands of Jesus. (John 13:1-17)

- We need to have the hands of a servant.

## 4. Pray to have the mouth of Jesus. (Romans 10:14-15)

- We need to be ready to proclaim the Good News.

“...what if God’s providential hand has put us right where we are with a specific purpose—to bring about the salvation of His own? How can we not open our mouths and speak the Gospel? How can we keep silent? If we have hope in our future and in our present, if we have a hope in God overseeing it all, then how can we not speak to our friends, neighbors, coworkers, and family members? God has put us in these places, positions, and relationships for a reason, and that reason, among others, is to proclaim the Good News of Christ.”

Elliot Clark, *Evangelism as Exiles*, The Gospel Coalition, Minneapolis, MN, 2019, p. 44.

### Application:

1. Who do you know—with whom do you live, work and play—that doesn’t know Jesus?
2. How will you “move in” to their neighborhood with the heart, feet, hands, and mouth of Jesus?