

Dinner with Jesus pt. 8 Tree to Table
Sunday, October 26, 2025

As you join this discussion, let the Holy Spirit guide you. Share your thoughts and reflect on the message. Work through the guide by reading Scripture and answering a few questions.

Open Up:

- Zacchaeus climbed a tree to get a better view of Jesus. What's something funny or bold you've done just to be part of something important or exciting?
- When have you felt unexpectedly included or welcomed by someone? How did it impact you?

Read Together:

Luke 19:1-10

Jesus 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."

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."

Ezekiel 34:12

As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of

clouds and darkness.

1 Timothy 2:3-4

This is good, and pleases God our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth...

Revelation 3:20

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

Discuss Together:

- What stood out to you about today's message? Did something encourage or challenge you?
- What was Zacchaeus's life like before he met Jesus, and why was he so desperate to see Him?
- Jesus stops, looks up, and calls Zacchaeus by name. What does this moment reveal about the way Jesus sees people? How does it challenge how we see others?
- How does Zacchaeus's action of climbing the tree show his humility and determination?
- The crowd muttered when Jesus went to Zacchaeus' house. Why do you think we sometimes struggle with who Jesus welcomes?
- What does Zacchaeus's willingness to give back his wealth reveal about his transformation?
- Who are the modern-day "tax collectors" or people who are ostracized by society?
- How does the crowd's reaction compare to how people respond to Jesus's interactions with marginalized groups today?
- In Ezekiel 34, God promises to seek out His scattered sheep. What might it look like for followers of Jesus to join Him in seeking the "scattered" people around us?

Pray:

Pray for God to open your eyes to the people He is seeking around you—those who

feel unseen, unworthy, or far from Him. Ask for the courage to make space at your “table” for them, just as Jesus made space for you.

Invitation:

What is the step you need to take?