



## **Discussion Guide:** The Welcome of Jesus

**Passage:** Luke 19:1-10

**Summary:** The tax collector Zaccheus was the “enemy” of his community because he took part and benefited from the Romans’ oppressive tax system. So, it shocked everyone when Jesus, the famous Jewish rabbi, invited himself to Zaccheus’ home. Ultimately, Zaccheus was transformed by Jesus’ radical love and hospitality. When we understand that we also were strangers and yet have been loved and welcomed to the table, it will likewise change us and form us into a people who love generously and give lavishly.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. In Romans 15:7, Paul writes: “Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you.” How has Jesus welcomed you? Try to be as specific and tangible as you can.
2. What barriers keep you from receiving Jesus’ hospitality or welcome? (*Hint:* the religious leaders didn’t think they needed it, or you may not think you deserve it.)
3. What has practicing hospitality looked like in your life? What has motivated it?
4. How is God inviting you to grow in practicing hospitality? What are the barriers for you?

Talk about the Global Impact Commitments we’re inviting everyone to consider and ask your community to pray about what God is inviting them to do (i.e.- to pray for the 40 days of Lent for one person who does not yet know Jesus, to do a prayer walk, to share a meal or coffee with someone God is calling you to build a friendship with, and to give financially to support our mission partners through our Global Impact Offering). Take some time to pray for God to help you see the person(s) He is inviting you to welcome through hospitality.