Come to the Table

Luke 19:1-10 NIV

- 1. What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?
- 2. For many of us, we have experienced times where we felt that we weren't allowed to be a part of the crowd or allowed in certain groups. Explain how that made you feel and how that relates to Pastor Terry's question "Am I allowed at the table?"
 - b. We also come into situations where we are the ones who have the choice of whether or not to allow others into our circles; how have you handled those situations? What were the reasons for those situations to occur?
- 3. Pastor Terry brought up the danger of the statement, "Hate the sin but love the sinner". In studying John 15:15, what is Jesus' point of letting his disciples know that they are no longer "servants" but are now "friends"? How can this be applied to our daily lives as Jesus followers?
 - b. Jesus allowed for us to be included and invited to His table and faced fierce opposition for this. Do you face opposition because of who you allow at the table? Who and why?
- 4. When Jesus welcomed Zacchaeus to His table, we read in Luke 19:7 that the people said, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner". How would you handle a situation like this if you heard it come from other followers? Or even from the "church"?
 - b. How can we correct this thinking in our own lives? In our own church?
- 5. In reading Luke 19:10, Jesus says, "For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." What does this have to do with our series "Come to the Table"?
 - b. Where, as a Home group, can we help one another "seek and save the lost"? How can we as a church help others to "seek and save the lost"?

6. When Zacchaeus was allowed at the table, he gave up half of his possessions and paid back four times the amount he took from those he stole from and was able to change the lives of many because of his own changed life. How has your life, being able to sit at the table, changed others' lives? How can we help one another with this command found in Matthew 28:19 to "Go and make disciples"?