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## Eat or Experience Together (Luke 19:1-10)

### WARMUP

- *Imagine inviting one of your neighbors on your street/work/school to share a meal/dessert/coffee. Who would you invite and what would you eat to make it fun?!*

### FROM THE SCRIPTURE

Ask someone to read Luke 19:1-10 aloud

- What thoughts would go through your mind if Jesus looked at you and said, "I'm coming over to your house right now!"?
- How would you feel if you saw Jesus walking with Zacchaeus to his home for dinner?

### FROM THE SERMON

- Neil made three observations about how Jesus seeing Zacchaeus relates to us loving our neighbors. Do you agree or disagree?
  - Jesus calls us to see our neighbors in a way that no one else does.
  - Jesus calls us to communicate worth to our neighbors.
  - Loving your neighbor will impact more than just your neighbor.
- How do you love your neighbors when life is overwhelming and you feel like you need others to love you more than you need to love others?

### FROM THE BOOK (chapter 5 of the BLESS book)

- Share your thoughts about this question with the person next to you:
  - Which of the excuses for not sharing a meal with someone do you relate to most? (pp. 86-87)
  - Why is eating with someone such an effective way to bless them?
- Come back together and share what else you appreciate or disagree with from the book.

*Do you sense the Holy Spirit speaking to you about anything else in the sermon, book, or scripture passage? It could be a question you have, or something that got your attention, or a point you are pondering...*

### RESPONSE

- Who will you share a meal, dessert, or coffee with this week?  
OR
- What is one next step that you think God is inviting you to take this week? Ask God to give you the strength/courage/faith to take that step!
- How will your Life Group encourage one another in praying and listening to your neighbors this week?

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