

Come to the Table Sermon Series

11.11.18 - *Who is welcome to the table?*

Pastor Steve & Pastor Charles

Sermon Based Small Group Guide

***Join us Wednesday night 11.14.18 for dinner from 5:15-6:00
and sermon based small groups from 6:15-7:30.***

Warm-up Questions

What was a time when you felt welcome in church?

What was a time when you've felt out-of-place or unwelcome in church?

Read Isaiah 56:3-8

Eunuchs and foreigners were excluded from the people of Israel for moral and ethnic reasons, respectively. What does God promise each of these groups?

What does it mean for God to declare his temple "a house of prayer for all nations"? What does that mean for the church today?

Read Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus wanted to know more about Christ. What was the last thing you wondered about God?

Why do you think Jesus wanted to stay at Zacchaeus's house?

The people in the crowd took great exception to Jesus here, grumbling at the idea of Jesus staying with Zacchaeus. Who would you have a hard time hosting or being hosted by?

Zacchaeus's salvation is declared by Jesus. Was it because of the way he handled his finances? If not, why?

Application

Pray. Ask God to bring someone to mind who needs to be welcomed into community. Start by inviting them to your table- host them for coffee or a meal. Ask another person to hold you accountable to follow through.