

JESUS WENT

...TO THE OUTSIDER

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3. Jesus is calling me into something _____.

Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love. Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ. (What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son. Ephesians 1:4-6 (MSG)

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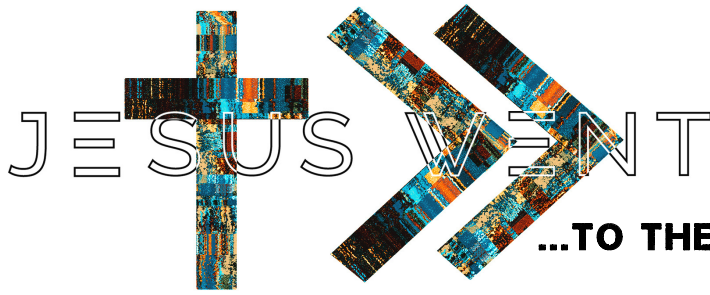
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WEEK 3
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[CONNECT]

We've all been in situations where we've felt like we didn't belong. Share a time you felt that way.

[ENGAGE]

What impacted you the most personally from the message?

[GROW]

Read Luke 19:1-10 and the story of Jesus and Zaccheus again. Put yourself in Zaccheus' shoes. What would you have seen, experienced, and felt during this?

Why do you think Jesus wanted to go to Zaccheus' home? There was a crowd there... so why did Jesus pick him? (We don't know the answer, but process through it a bit).

How would you feel if Jesus said, "I'm coming to your house." Would you feel excited, nervous, anxious? Would you want to go there first and pick up and get things ready? Why do we want to show people our best side... rather than being real?

What do you feel about Jesus coming to the "home of your heart"? Are there things in you that you want to "clean up" and get in order? Are there "rooms" in your heart and mind that you'd rather keep Jesus out of? How does it make you feel to know that Jesus is already aware of those places... and he doesn't condemn or shame... but wants to bring healing?

Read Ephesians 1:4-6. What bubbles to the surface as you read this passage?

[LEAD (YOURSELF)]

Look up the book, "[My Heart, Christ's Home.](#)" And search for a free PDF version. Take a few moments and read this classic. It's about the different "rooms" in our heart and how Christ wants to redeem and bring healing to each area.