

## February 18, 2024 – Community - TABLE

When you think of a table – what else do you think about? Maybe it's the games you play on one. Maybe it's the things you create on one. Perhaps it's the people who have sat around one with you. We often think of tables as places to eat or accomplish something on. But when it comes to commUnity, who sits at the table with us is just as important! Join us this weekend as we look to see who Jesus gathers around his table!



### Scripture:

#### Hebrews 10:23-24 NLT

Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. <sup>24</sup> Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. <sup>25</sup> And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

#### Luke 19:1-10 NLT

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. <sup>2</sup> There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. <sup>3</sup> He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. <sup>4</sup> So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way. <sup>5</sup> When Jesus came by, he looked up at Zacchaeus and called him by name. "Zacchaeus!" he said. "Quick, come down! I must be a guest in your home today." <sup>6</sup> Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. <sup>7</sup> But the people were displeased. "He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner," they grumbled. <sup>8</sup> Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" <sup>9</sup> Jesus responded, "Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost."

### Questions

- When was the last time you sat around a table and just chatted with those around the table? Who was there?
- How often do you pause long enough to gather with others and simply enjoy being together?
- Who would you like to get to know better? Who might you invite to sit at your table with you? Don't just think about it – let go of all the reasons not to do this – and simply share table space with someone this week!

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday:** Matthew 18:20

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:42-47

**Wednesday:** Psalm 133:1

**Thursday:** 1 Thessalonians 5:11

**Friday:** 1 John 1:7