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Sunday between  
October 30 and November 5



## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. Share about a time you met someone special or important.
2. Zacchaeus was desperate to see Jesus when he came to Jericho. Why would you like to see Jesus?
3. How and when does Jesus come to your house?  
In what ways do you welcome him into your home and your life?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

|          |                             |                                |
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| <b>S</b> | <b>Luke 19:1-10</b>         | Jesus visits Zacchaeus         |
| <b>M</b> | <b>Matthew 9:9-13</b>       | Jesus has come to call sinners |
| <b>T</b> | <b>Luke 15:1-7</b>          | This man welcomes sinners!     |
| <b>W</b> | <b>2 Thess 1:1-4, 11-12</b> | Live a life worthy of his call |
| <b>T</b> | <b>1 Timothy 1:12-17</b>    | The Lord's grace to Paul       |
| <b>F</b> | <b>Acts 10:34-43</b>        | God does not show favouritism  |
| <b>S</b> | <b>Isaiah 1: 10-18</b>      | Do good and seek justice       |

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.

ISAIAH 1:18



## CREATIVE RESPONSE

Jesus came as a guest to the house of Zacchaeus and brought salvation to his home (Luke 19:5-9).

As a sign and reminder of Christ's presence in your home, set an extra place at your meal table this week.

When you gather for meals, share when and where you have seen the presence and activity of Jesus during the day.

Talk about what it means for Jesus to be part of your lives.



## ACTION RESPONSE

Jesus' visit to Zacchaeus' home changed the life of Zacchaeus. He committed to giving half of his possessions away to the poor. Commit this week to making a donation towards the needs of the poor in your community or elsewhere in the world. Here are some suggestions:

- Donate items that are still in good condition to a local charity store.
- Forgo a household activity or non-essential food/drink and donate the savings to an aid organisation.
- Purchase or prepare food to donate to a local food pantry assisting the poor.
- Organise a fundraiser and give the proceeds to a charity serving the disadvantaged.



## MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless this meal,  
O God, we pray,  
and bless us too  
all through the day.  
Keep us safe and  
close to you, and  
kind in all we say  
and do. Amen.



## PRAYER

Lord, help us to  
love you today  
with our heart,  
soul, mind and  
strength. Amen.



## BLESSING

May God grant you  
faith to love the Lord  
with all your heart,  
and with all your  
soul, and with all  
your might.