



A SEAT AT THE
Table

“Nakusa”





Be Transformed

Luke 19:1-4

Jesus entered Jericho and made his way through the town. There was a man there named Zacchaeus. He was the chief tax collector in the region, and he had become very rich. He tried to get a look at Jesus, but he was too short to see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree beside the road, for Jesus was going to pass that way.

Luke 19:5

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.”

Luke 19:6-7

Zacchaeus quickly climbed down and took Jesus to his house in great excitement and joy. But the people were displeased. “He has gone to be the guest of a notorious sinner,” they grumbled.

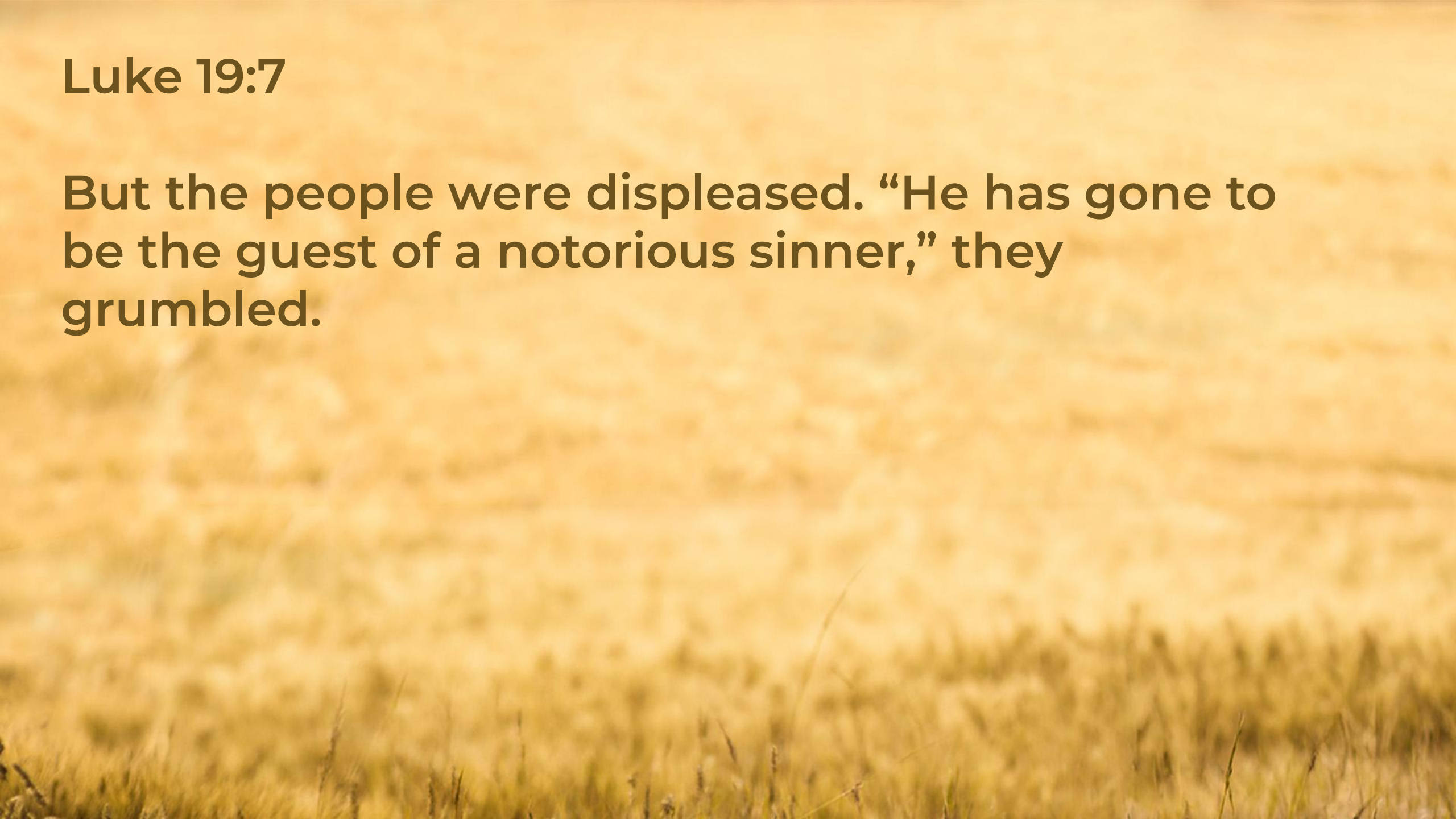
Luke 19:8-10

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!”

Jesus responded, “Salvation has come to this home today, for this man has shown himself to be a true son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and save those who are lost.”

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Person	Invitation	Inclusion	Transformation
Zacchaeus	“Come down... I must stay at your house”	Jesus enters his home	Restitution, generosity, salvation
Samaritan woman	“Will you give me a drink?”	Jesus crosses cultural/social barriers	She becomes a witness
Matthew	“Follow me”	Jesus eats with him and his friends	Tax collector becomes disciple
Sinful woman	She approaches Jesus	Jesus receives and defends her	Faith, forgiveness, peace
Demon-possessed man	He comes to Jesus	Jesus restores him	Restored man becomes a messenger
Nathanael	“Come and see”	Jesus receives his skepticism	Skeptic becomes confessor

Invitation without inclusion can feel like an empty invitation to a program.

Inclusion without transformation can become mere acceptance without any growth.

Transformation without invitation and inclusion can feel simply like behavior modification.



Transformation → Invitation → Inclusion



Romans 5:8

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”



Transformation Part 1: Identity



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Before Christ (“Nakusa”)
Guilty / Condemned (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)
Unclean (Titus 3:3; 1 Cor. 6:9–11)
Far from God (Eph. 2:13)
Stranger (Eph. 2:19)
Dead (Eph. 2:1–3)
In Darkness (Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13)
Lost (Luke 19:10; 15:24)
Orphan (John 14:18)

Transformation Part 1: Identity

Before Christ (“Nakusa”)	In Christ (“New Name”)
Guilty / Condemned (Rom. 3:23; 6:23)	Forgiven (Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:7)
Unclean (Titus 3:3; 1 Cor. 6:9–11)	Holy / Sanctified (1 Cor. 6:11, Col. 1:22)
Far from God (Eph. 2:13)	Brought near to God (Eph. 2:13)
Stranger (Eph. 2:19)	Family (Eph. 2:19)
Dead (Eph. 2:1–3)	Alive (Eph. 2:4–5; Col. 2:13)
In Darkness (Eph. 5:8; Col. 1:13)	Children of Light (Eph. 5:8)
Lost (Luke 19:10; 15:24)	Found / Saved (Luke 19:10, Eph. 2:8-9)
Orphan (John 14:18)	Child of God (John 1:12, Rom. 8:15-16)

Transformation Part 2: Holiness



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COMPLETE

“We have been **made holy** through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” (Hebrews 10:10)

ONGOING

“As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so **be holy in all you do.**” (1 Peter 1:14-15)



Romans 8:1

“There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.”



“Jesus, I’m sorry that I sinned. That’s not who I am anymore. I am clean, I am free, I am loved. I am yours. Help me to live into who you say I am.”



Transformation Part 2: Holiness

	IDENTITY	HOLINESS
Romans 6:11-12	“You also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus... ”	“Do not let sin control the way you live; do not give in to sinful desires.”
1 Corinthians 6:19-20	“You are not your own; you were bought at a price... ”	“Therefore honor God with your bodies.”
Colossians 3:1,5	“Since, then, you have been raised with Christ , set your hearts on things above...”	“Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature...”
1 Peter 2:9,11	“ You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession... ”	“I urge you... to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.”

Transformation Part 2: Holiness

Colossians 1:22-23

“Now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault.

But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.

In Jesus I Am ...

Forgiven (Ephesians 1:7)

Justified (Romans 5:1)

Loved (Romans 8:38–39)

Reconciled (Romans 5:10–11)

Brought Near (Ephesians 2:13)

A Child of God (John 1:12)

In God's Family (Ephesians 2:19)

Redeemed (Colossians 1:13–14)

A Temple of the Holy Spirit
(1 Cor. 6:19)

A New Creation (2 Cor. 5:17)

Alive to God (Rom. 6:11)

Never Alone (Heb. 13:5)

God's Workmanship (Eph. 2:10)

Free (Rom. 8:1)

Becoming like Christ (Rom. 8:29)

An Ambassador (2 Cor. 5:20)

A Witness (Acts 1:8)

God's Representative (Matt. 5:14–16)

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Sermon Resources

