



## **PART 1: THE “WHY” BEHIND BRAZOS FELLOWSHIP**

### **INTRODUCTION**

The oldest human problem, and the first one recorded in the Bible, is isolation. As a society, we’re becoming increasingly isolated, insulated, and independent, and it has reached the crisis level. This series will help us learn how to create a culture of life-sustaining relationships, which we all need.

### **KEY SCRIPTURE**

Luke 19:1-10

Matthew 28:19-20

Jeremiah 31:3

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Describe a time and place that you felt like an “outsider.” Did somebody come along and invite you in or welcome you? What difference did that make? What do you wish somebody had done for you in that circumstance?
2. Read Luke 19:1-6. Zaccaeus was an outsider. But Jesus saw and and loved him right where he was. Have you ever felt like you had to change something about yourself before God could possibly see you, care about you, or love you?
3. Pastor Will said, “If you have been invited into God’s family, you have the gift of being able to invite other people into His family too!” Who do you know right now that might be feeling alone, like an outsider? How can you share the acceptance and love of Jesus with that person?
4. Has your experience of being loved and treasured by God made space in you to forgive someone who has hurt you?
5. Read Luke 19:10. Why did Jesus come? How can you join Him in His mission?
6. What is your next step in partnering with Brazos Fellowship as we pursue the mission of Jesus to make disciples? Lead a small group? Serve? Invite somebody to church?

**Application Prayer:** Jesus, thank you for loving me and inviting me into your family. Now use me to invite others in.