

# Living Beyond Our Walls

Part three of the series, "Beyond: Living Beyond Ourselves"

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## Luke 19:1-10 NIV

### **We tend to build walls between "us" and "them."**

*"All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." (v. 7)*

### **Jesus tears down walls and unites us.**

*"When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.'<sup>6</sup> So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly...<sup>9</sup> 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham.<sup>10</sup> For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.'" (v. 5-6, 9-10)*

*"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility,<sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace,<sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility.<sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near.<sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit." (Ephesians 2:13-18 NIV)*

### **Jesus calls us to go beyond our walls by loving and serving those outside.**

*"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.<sup>15</sup> Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.<sup>16</sup> In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16 NIV)*

### **Now is the time to go beyond our walls.**

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.<sup>19</sup> Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,<sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'" (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)*