

HOPE GROUP

STUDY & DISCUSSION GUIDE

A Friend of Sinners

Luke 19:1-10

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GETTING TO KNOW ME

In your opinion, why do well-intentioned Christians sometimes recoil at the thought of befriending those who are known for their sinful lifestyles?

Have you had any experiences which have allowed you to be exposed to those who need the gospel most? How did you engage them and what was the result?

INTO THE BIBLE

What did Jesus mean when He made the following statement about Himself? **Luke 19:10**

What can we learn about God from the following passages? **Matthew 7:7; Amos 5:4; Jeremiah 29:13; Isaiah 55:6; Proverbs 8:17**

If God came to earth for the purpose of pursuing those who are farthest away from Him, then what does that mean for those who feel that their sin is more heinous than most? **1 Timothy 1:15; Isaiah 1:18; 1 John 1:9; Ephesians 1:7**

APPLICATION

When it comes to engaging people with the truth about themselves, the kingdom and eternity, what evangelistic approach do you think is best based on what we learned this week?

What obstacles might easily get in the way of someone encountering Jesus?