**Come Near**
*Come Down!* – Luke 19:1-10 (p. 878)

Christmas is filled with invitations. But the biggest and best of all comes from Jesus. He came near to us so we could come near to him. We don’t associate the story of Zacchaeus with Christmas, but maybe we should. It is within this story that Jesus tells us why He came near.

**Zacchaeus Seeking Jesus** (19:1-4)

 He was a rich, tax collector

 He was seeking to see who Jesus was

 He ran and climbed

**Jesus Seeking Zacchaeus** (19:5-10)

 He called him by name

 He invited himself to Zacchaeus’ house

 He came to seek and to save the lost

“*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost*.”

* Luke 19:10