



# INVITATION TO A JOURNEY

## **Social Spirituality**

“Biblical spirituality calls us away from individualized, privatized forms of the faith that enable us to isolate ourselves from the brokenness and bondage of the world around us. Biblical spirituality calls us into a relationship with God that thrusts us into the world as agents of healing, liberating grace.”

—Robert Mulholland

“Our church on a hill will be a visible beacon of God’s miraculous transforming power at work in this community for loving, healing and restoring.”

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19...Jesus answered.

“No one is good—except God alone.

—Luke 18:19

<sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector.

<sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

13 “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said,

‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

—Luke 18:11-13

<sup>10</sup> In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

—Luke 15:10

“Social spirituality is rooted in the integrity of our life together as citizens of the New Jerusalem.”

—Robert Mulholland

<sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

—1 Peter 3:15

9 Offer hospitality to one another  
without grumbling.

—1 Peter 4:9

“When a Christian sees prostitutes, alcoholics, prisoners, drug addicts, unwed mothers, the homeless, refugees, he knows he is looking in a mirror. [...] He thinks, ‘Spiritually I was just like these people, though physically and socially I never was where they are now. They are outcasts. (Spiritually speaking) I was an outcast.’”

—Tim Keller

<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “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.”

—Luke 19:9-10

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”

6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly.

— Luke 19:5-6

<sup>8</sup> But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

—Luke 19:8

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

33 He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world.

35 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, **I was a stranger and you invited me in,**

—Matthew 25:32-35

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