

COMMUNITY GROUP
DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: LUKE 7:36-50

Summary: In Luke 7, Jesus is invited to the home of a Pharisee named Simon. While sitting at the table, a woman of the city approaches Jesus and begins to worship Him with gratitude and thankfulness. Within the parable we learn that her worship is in response to forgiveness. Forgiveness is the action Jesus takes to awaken love and worship in the hearts of His people.

Observing the Text: Read Luke 7:36-50

1. What are the “Light Bulbs” or “Question Marks” in this text? A light bulb is something that shines out of the passage and grabs your attention. A question mark is something you don't understand and would like clarified.
2. When reading this passage, what would you summarize as the main overarching theme?

Interpreting the Text:

1. Why do you think Simon invited Jesus to dinner? What in the text might reference his intentions?
2. What does Jesus' response to the invitation teach us about Jesus?
3. How is the woman who burst on this scene described? What can we assume about her past and present? What does her bold entrance into a Pharisee's house tell us about her character? What compelled her to come to Jesus?
4. What did the Pharisee think about Jesus' attitude toward this woman? How did he misunderstand Jesus?
5. How were the two men in the story different? How were they alike?
6. How did Jesus conclude about the relationship between forgiveness and love?

Applying the Text:

If we will love Jesus to the degree that we recognize our own sinfulness and the immeasurable grace and sacrifice that Jesus gave to forgive sins, how might we reflect on those two things to stir love?