

Summit Woods Baptist Church
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Luke 7:36-50

❖ Day 1

Read Luke 7:36-50.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before, or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

- 36 One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him,
 and he went into the Pharisee's house
 and reclined at table.
- 37 And **behold**, a woman of the city,
 who was a sinner,
 when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house,
 brought an alabaster flask of ointment,
- 38 and standing behind him at his feet,
 weeping,
 she began to wet his feet with her tears
 and wiped them with the hair of her head
 and kissed his feet
 and anointed them with the ointment.
- 39 Now
 when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this,
 he said to himself,
 "If this man were a prophet,
 he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him,
 for she is a sinner."
- 40 And Jesus answering said to him,
 "Simon, I have something to say to you."
 And he answered,
 "Say it, Teacher."
- 41 "A certain moneylender had two debtors.
 One owed five hundred denarii,
 and the other fifty.
- 42 When they could not pay,
 he cancelled the debt of both.
 Now which of them will love him more?"
- 43 Simon answered,
 "The one, I suppose,
 for whom he cancelled the larger debt."

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And he said to him,
 “You have judged rightly.”
44 Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon,
 “Do you see this woman?
 I entered your house;
 you gave me no water for my feet,
 but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.
45 You gave me no kiss,
 but from the time I came in *she* has not ceased to kiss my feet.
46 You did not anoint my head with oil,
 but she has anointed my feet with ointment.
47 Therefore I tell you,
 her sins, which are many, are forgiven—
 for she loved much.
 But he who is forgiven little, loves little.”
48 And he said to her,
 “Your sins are forgiven.”
49 Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves,
 “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”
50 And he said to the woman,
 “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

1. Who are the Pharisees Luke mentions in v. 36? What was Jesus’ relationship with the Pharisees like?

2. What is the second word in v. 37? What is this word intended to do?

3. How does Luke describe this woman?

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4. When does this woman come to Jesus? Does it seem like she hesitated?
5. Describe what happens in v. 38? What do these actions mean? How did this woman view Jesus?
6. How did the Pharisee respond to the actions of the woman?
7. Who does the text say the Pharisee was speaking to in v. 39?
8. What is at the heart of the thought expressed by the Pharisee in v. 39?

❖ Day 2

Read Luke 7:36-50 again.

9. Who addresses the Pharisee in v. 40? Describe the contrast between v. 39 and 40.

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10. What does Jesus tell him in the parable in v. 41-42? What is the point of the parable?
11. Describe the three contrasts Jesus lays out between the Pharisee and the sinful woman in vv. 44-46. (What did he do vs. what did she do?)
12. What is Jesus drawing out between the difference in how the sinful woman views him and the way the Pharisee views him?
13. What is the conclusion Jesus draws from the actions of the woman in v. 47?
14. What is the correlation Jesus is teaching between forgiveness and love?
15. Is Jesus saying the Pharisee had less sin? Why or why not?

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❖ Day 3

Read Luke 7:36-50 again.

16. Look at Luke 5:31-32. How does this key statement in the gospel of Luke help you understand the point Jesus is making here?
17. Describe what happens in vv. 48-49. Why do those around respond the way they do?
18. What is Jesus implicitly claiming by forgiving her sins?
19. How does v. 50 clarify our understanding of how the woman received the forgiveness of her sins?
20. How does v. 50 clarify the Pharisee's problem?
21. What is the relationship between forgiveness, faith, and love Jesus teaches in this passage?
22. How should an unbeliever respond to this passage? How should a believer respond? How should you respond?

In preparation for Sunday, pray that God would use the preaching of his Word to create love through the receiving of forgiveness by faith.