



“Forgiven Much”

Luke 7:36-50

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week’s sermon:

A WORD FROM MIKE...

This week, we continue our study of discipleship using the gospel of Luke and UPC’s Nine Marks of a Transformed Life. The Nine Marks describe a mature disciple as someone who:

1. Enjoys God in worship
2. Engages in God’s Word (the Bible) through study & prayer
3. Lives by God’s promises
4. Applies the gospel of grace in relationships
5. Invests time & energy in a small group of friends
6. Fulfills his/her church membership vows
7. Exercises his/her gifts & passions in all of life
8. Practices Biblical principles of financial stewardship
9. Shares his/her faith in word and deed

This week’s study focuses on mark #3.



KNOWING GOD

- a) Read Luke 7:36-50. Here Luke tells us about a time early in the ministry of Jesus when a “sinful woman” anointed Jesus’ feet with her tears and perfume, and wiped them with her hair. What do you think made her do this? What was her motive?

- b) How was this unnamed woman different from Simon the Pharisee? How were they alike?

c) What was the point of the story Jesus told about the two debtors (vss. 40-43)?

d) Which happened first – the woman’s love for Jesus or Jesus’ forgiveness of the woman? How do you know that?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) How would you describe Simon’s demeanor and tone of voice when he saw the woman touching Jesus’ feet?

b) In what way(s) can you identify with the woman in this story? In what way(s) can you identify with Simon?

c) What did Simon not “get”?



SERVING OTHERS

a) Have you recently looked down on someone else because his or her behavior or lifestyle was offensive to you? Why did you feel that way? What did you do with it?

b) Perhaps you know someone like Simon the Pharisee. How can you serve that person?

c) The woman in this story was able to show her love directly to Jesus. Since Jesus is now in heaven, we love him by loving his people. What might be some ways you can “anoint the feet” of those in your family, neighborhood, Life Group, or church? Pick one person and plan to be his or her “anointer” this week.
