

Questions God asks: “Which of them will love him more?” Luke 7:36-50

Summary of the Passage:

In this passage Simon, a Pharisee, treats Jesus very poorly while a sinful woman shows great love for Jesus.

Introduction:

Go around the room and share a time when someone showed a large act of love toward you. How did you feel toward that person?

Discussion Questions:

Where does the scene take place? What was the purpose of the gathering?

Who are the people present? What happened during the dinner?

How did Simon respond to the way the woman was treating Jesus?

How did Jesus respond to Simon’s thoughts?

What was Jesus trying to teach Simon through the parable of the moneylender?

How did Jesus contrast the way Simon treated Jesus with the way the woman did? (vv. 44-46)

Digging deeper:

What does the way Simon treated Jesus show about his respect for him? Jesus summarizes the contrast between Simon and the woman, “he who has been forgiven little loves little” (v.47).

How does this summary apply to Simon and the woman (v.38)? What motivated the woman to do what she did for Jesus (v.50)? “Jesus said to the woman, ‘Your faith has saved you.’ Why did he say this? What changes in the lifestyle of the woman would we expect to see following this event?

Application:

From this passage, how can we grow in our love for Jesus?

What can help us see the full depths of our sin?

What impact does God’s love have on you? (Ask each person to share.)

Prayer:

(Read aloud in unison) “Jesus, help us to see our sin from your point of view. Help us to see the full depth of our sin. Help us to see that none of us can meet your perfect standard; that none of us are good; that we are all totally lost. Thank you that your love for us is so great that it completely covers all our sins with your righteousness. Thank you that your love for us is so boundless that we are compelled to love you in return. We want to give our whole lives to you. We want to please you in everything we do because we love you so much. We have such great joy in serving you. Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.”