

## Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read Luke 7:36-50

### Context:

- What Characters do we see contrasted against one another in this text? What do we know about Simon? What do we know about the women? Who else was in the background? (Read John 12:1-8)
- What different emotional responses do we see on display in this passage of scripture?

### Intended Meaning of The Text:

- What does Jesus' response communicate to Simon, the women, and the crowds?
- In Luke 7:41-50 Jesus tells a Parable. What is the purpose of this Parable? How does this relate to what we know of Simon a Pharisee and the Women a well known sinner
- How is this scripture structured? What is the progress of thought? Is there a central theme? How does the theme progress in this passage? *Notice the interesting turn that Jesus takes toward Simon in verses 44-47. How is Simon different from the woman? How is she better than he? Who do you think is the worse sinner here, the woman or Simon?*

### Theological Implications:

- From this scripture, what do we learn about Jesus and what it means to be a disciple? *What is significant about Jesus' words in verse 48? Since only God can forgive sins, and Jesus forgave sins, what is he saying about himself? How do the guests respond (verse 49)?*
- From this scripture, what do we learn about ourselves? *Who do you relate the most with in this passage?*
- In this scripture where do we see the Gospel? *In verse 47, what is the response that Jesus wants in those whom he forgives? Do you think this characterizes followers or fans of Jesus? Does it characterize your life?*

### Application:

- How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?
- What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?
- How am I responding to the Gospel (*Trusting in Jesus to lead me into His kingdom life*) to live out this passage? What will I do in response to what I have learned from God's word?



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**LIVE FREE... LIVE JESUS...**  
*Wave exists to set lives free to live fully alive with Jesus*

***“An Invitation to Intimacy”***  
***Not a Fan ~ Week #1***

**ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER?**

**FAN = An enthusiastic admirer**

**FOLLOWER = A disciple or apprentice**

***Luke 9:23-26***<sup>23</sup> *And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.*

**AN OPEN INVITATION TO INTIMACY**

➤ **Anyone Is Welcome**

➤ **Anyone Means Everyone**

➤ **No Qualifications Means No Excuses**

➤ **It’s Anyone, But It’s Everything**

**Matthew 15:8-9**<sup>8</sup> *“These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. <sup>9</sup> They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.*

**From Knowledge to Intimacy**

**Luke 7:36**<sup>36</sup> *One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table.*

**Fans Choose Knowledge, Followers Embrace Intimacy**

**Luke 7:37-38**<sup>37</sup> *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, <sup>38</sup> 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.*

**God Knows You Intimately**

- **Genesis 4:1** *Now Adam knew Eve his wife*
- **Yada** – To know completely and to be completely known.
- **Psalm 139:1-4** *1 You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. 2 You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar. 3 You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways. 4 Before a word is on my tongue you, Lord, know it completely.*

**God Wants You to Know Him**

**Luke 7:40-47**<sup>40</sup> *Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. <sup>41</sup> “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” <sup>43</sup> Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. <sup>44</sup> Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”*