



MESSAGE

STUDY GUIDE

GROUP MATERIAL

SONGS

Community Group Material:

Bible Reading: Luke 7:36 - 8:3

Check-in

Check in with each other about how everyone is doing.

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Sermon Summary:

In Luke 7:36-8:3, Jesus meets with two very different individuals – a Pharisee & a sinful woman. They have vastly different interactions with Jesus. Simon the Pharisee invites Jesus to a dinner party, only to ignore his guest, & the sinful woman drops in unannounced & begins to weep, clean Jesus' feet, & anoint him with expensive perfume. Jesus uses a parable to point out the difference in their actions, attributing the woman's display of love as an understanding of forgiveness of sin. Then in Luke 8 we see a number of women who've been cured of evil spirits & diseases who pour out their love & gratitude on Jesus by financially supporting his ministry. Are we extravagant in our pouring out on Jesus in service to him, or quite measured?

Discussion:

1. What barriers did the woman have to overcome to be able to pour out on Jesus?
2. As best as we can tell, what do you think was the motivation behind Simon inviting Jesus to dinner, & the woman acting the way she did? Do we see ourselves in both Simon & the woman at times?
3. How extravagant was the love & gratitude that the woman poured out on Jesus? What do you think caused her to go to the lengths that she did?
4. What was Simon's quiet thought about Jesus? Why do you think he thought that? What question was he trying to settle in his own mind about Jesus?

5. Discuss with each other how we should understand v. 47?
6. When do you think that the woman experienced forgiveness from Jesus? Is it in any way related to her bringing perfume to Simon's house for Jesus?
7. In 8:2-3, we see female disciples pouring out their love on Jesus in an extravagant manner. How do they express their gratitude?
8. In what ways have you extravagantly poured out your love on Jesus? What prompted you to do that? Have you ever restricted your outpouring in some way? What prompted you to do that?

End with Prayer.

- Pray for eyes to see the extent of the forgiveness we have received from Jesus & to respond appropriately.
- Pray for one another's concerns.