

Goldstone Church

Small Group Questions

Luke 7:36-50

Review

- Think of a good Christian friend. How does he or she reflect God's image? How does Jesus Christ reflect God more completely than your friend?
- What is your motivation for learning more about Jesus Christ? Has your motivation for learning changed? Why?
- Imagine yourself as one of the people crowded into the home where Jesus is at a dinner-party. What emotions would you feel listening to the conversation?

Remind

- Who are the 3 main characters in this passage (v.36-37)? How are they described?
- What FIVE things did the woman do when with Jesus (v.38)?
- How did the man react to what the woman did (v.39)?
- What was the main point of Jesus' parable (v.40-43)?
- Who is Jesus speaking to in v.44-47? But who is Jesus looking at? Why do you think this body language is important?
- What does Jesus say to the woman (v.48 & 50)? What is the basis on which the woman has been forgiven? See Ephesians 2:8-9.

Respond

- Although 2 separate events, compare what the woman does in this passage with what Mary does. (See John 12:1-3).
- The washing of feet was usually assigned to the lowest of servants. What does this say about the woman's humility? What would be a comparable act of humility today?
- v.49 tells us that the woman's actions provoked a discussion among the guests. How would you explain to someone what it means to have your sins forgiven?
- You could end by reading together Luke 7:50

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Jesus anointed by a sinful woman

³⁶ When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.'

⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.'

'Tell me, teacher,' he said.

⁴¹ 'Two people owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² 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?'

⁴³ Simon replied, 'I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.'

'You have judged correctly,' Jesus said.

⁴⁴ Then he turned towards 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. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.'

⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'

⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'