

GRATITUDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Luke 7:36-50

We grow in gratitude...

- By **VALUING** Jesus above all.
- By **RECOGNIZING** that we all have a **DEBT** we cannot **REPAY**.
- In **PROPORTION** to our recognition of God's **GRACE** to us.
- By **ACCEPTING** Jesus' invitation to **TRUST** Him.

FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Who do you know that is an example of gratitude to you? What about them makes them a good example?
2. Read Luke 7:36-39. What stands out to you about this woman's actions towards Jesus? How does she show that she values Jesus?
3. Have you ever heard someone say, "I can't believe in Christianity because that means that someone could live their whole life being evil—being Adolf Hitler—and if they genuinely repented, God would forgive them—how horrible?" How would you respond?
4. How do each of these verses help us understand our standing before God: Isaiah 6:5, Isaiah 64:6, Job 42:5-6.
5. Read Luke 7:47. Explain this verse in your own words. Is our love for God the result of our forgiveness or is our forgiveness the result of our love for God?
6. What are some ways God has demonstrated grace in your life?
7. What do these verses tell us about God's grace: John 1:16-17; Ephesians 1:7-8; Lamentations 3:21-25.
8. Read Luke 7:41-43. How is it that a lender cancels someone's debt? Who ends up paying the debt? How does Colossians 2:13-14 and 1 Peter 2:24 help explain how this works?
9. What are some strategies to practically develop gratitude personally and as a family (spiritual disciplines, habits, traditions, etc.)?