

**LIFEgroup Discussion Questions**

**April 29, 2017**

**Treasuring Jesus: Jesus, God's Plan for the Broken**

**Text: Luke 7.18-8.3**

**Looking into the Text:**

1. What was John asking his disciples to find out about Jesus (7.18-20)? What was Jesus' response (7.21-23)? What is the opposite of those who "take offense" (7.23)?
2. What was Jesus saying about John with his words to the crowd (7.24-27)? What is the difference between John and us that makes us "greater than he" according to Jesus (7.28)?
3. What are the two responses to what Jesus says (7.29-30)? What did all the people and tax collectors acknowledge about Jesus? And what did the Pharisees and lawyers reject about Him?
4. What does Jesus mean in His response when addressing "the men of this generation" (7.31-34)? What does Jesus mean when He says, "Yet wisdom is vindicated by all her children." (7.35)? How could that be about John and Jesus or how could that be about believers?
5. Read the encounter Jesus has in the Pharisees home and with the woman who is a sinner in its entirety (36-50). What did the Pharisee not do for Jesus when Jesus entered his home? How does this break the custom of hospitality? What did this mean?
6. Why was the woman probably known as a sinner to the Pharisee and community? What did the actions of the woman toward Jesus mean?
7. What does the parable Jesus shares with Simon the Pharisee mean? How does it relate to what has just happened there in Simon's house according to Jesus?
8. What does Jesus' closing remarks to the woman mean for her spiritually (7.48-50)?

**Looking Deeper:**

1. What do we learn about forgiveness/salvation in today's text? According to Jesus what saved this woman? Since this woman has been saved what do we see her action toward Jesus as?
2. According to Jesus' actions and words who does he love?
3. There is no middle ground with Jesus, so what are the two options we have when responding to Him?

**PRAY:**

1. Pray for the group that we would worship Jesus with similar expressions of costly acts of love for the grace of God we have received .
2. Pray that our church body that we would love sinners as Jesus and respond to Him in worship as this woman does in response to grace received.

**Do:** Do you have tendencies to act like Simon the Pharisee in looking down at "sinners" and not being thankful for the forgiveness of Jesus like you should? Ask the Lord to return to you the joy of your salvation that you would celebrate the forgiveness that Jesus has granted to you. Then ask the Lord to help you love others just as He did full of mercy and grace. The greatest way you could love someone is to share the gospel with them. Let us love this way.