



September 2, 2018

Your faith has saved
you, go in peace.

- Jesus

Primary Text: Luke 7:36-50

1. Pray (2 mins)

Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive.

- How was the homework assignment? Any discoveries?
- Throwback: Who remembers and can share the parable of the soils?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?

3. Illuminate (30 mins)

On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.

- In verse 39, a Pharisee secretly questioned if Jesus was a prophet at all. What is humorous about the following verses?
- Verse 47 said that, "she loved much." What evidence was given in the text that displayed the woman's love for Jesus?
- The woman's actions towards Jesus were somewhat uncommon and probably inappropriate. Why do you think she was willing to act that way towards Jesus even in that setting?
- One might misinterpret scripture and conclude that Jesus is saying, "in order to love Jesus more, you must have greater sins." Why is this not true?
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Given the opportunity, could you now explain this text/parable to someone else in your own words? Anyone brave enough to try it now?
- Does everyone feel confident in their understanding of this text? Any questions we need to research to answer next week?

4. Pray (10 mins)

Learn what the Bible says about prayer. Close in prayer.

Trinitarian Prayer Structure:

- Pray to the Father
- In the power of the Spirit
- By the authority and merit of the Son

TEXT: Luke 7:36-50 (Parable of Two Debtors) – A Sinful Woman Forgiven

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ 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, ³⁸ 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. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."

⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly."⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." ⁴⁸ And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Homework: Ready your heart for Sunday ([Ready resources - warrenbaptist.org/ready](http://warrenbaptist.org/ready)).

- 1) Read 14:7-11 (Parable of the Wedding Feast)
- 2) How would you summarize this parable in your own words?

3) Additional Notes/Questions:

4) Bring this with you to your next Life Group for discussion.