

**Bringing truth to LIFE-****Wisdom for your life this week.**

Not much has changed in the past 2,000 years. Jesus' life and teaching is compellingly attractive... and even offensive at times. Following Jesus and learning from Him will sometimes shock us. This journey brings us face-to-face with the example of Jesus to intentionally forgive sinners!

In this last section of the lesson we will put some appropriate action to the truths God revealed to us in this passage of scripture.

- a. Do you have trouble feeling forgiven by God? What keeps you from fully embracing the forgiveness of Jesus? (Read 1 John 1:9)

Read these verses to increase your awareness of God's delight to forgive us no matter how deep our sins may be Use one of these verses as your focus this week...

- Psalm 103:13-18
- Isaiah 1:18
- Ephesians 1:17
- Colossians 2:12-14

- b. Unforgiveness restricts our ability to love Jesus and others. To whom do you need to demonstrate forgiveness?

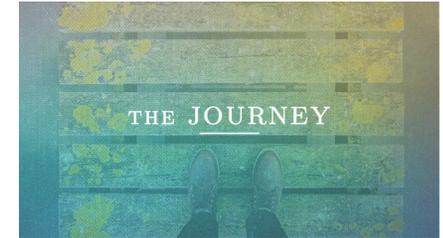
Ask your group to help you practice forgiveness like Jesus.

- c. When you live a life of generous forgiveness, others will notice. Pray that God will help you forgive like Jesus, and that your extravagant forgiveness would be a blessing to others.

**Pray for Each Other** "Lord, help me to love others with generous extravagance! Remind me how much I have been forgiven, so I can forgive and love others like Jesus did."

**LIFE Group Sermon Study**

Week of 03/24/19



**Big Idea:** What does it mean to follow Jesus? How do we do that? Through the eyes of Luke, we will catch a glimpse into what it must have been like for Jesus' very first followers to join Him on journey of a lifetime! In this series we will discover that following Jesus today will be no less adventurous, life-changing, or world-changing for us than it was for those who first followed Him.

**LUKE: The Journey****Week #2****Jesus forgiving others!****Luke 7:36-50**

Luke 7:41-50. <sup>41</sup> Then Jesus told him this story: 'A man loaned money to two people – 500 pieces of silver to one and 50 pieces to the other. <sup>42</sup> But neither of them could repay him, so he kindly forgave them both, canceling their debts. Who do you suppose loved him more after that?'

<sup>43</sup> Simon answered, 'I suppose the one for whom he canceled the larger debt.' 'That's right,' Jesus said. <sup>44</sup> Then he turned to the woman and said to Simon, 'Look at this woman kneeling here. When I entered your home, you didn't offer me water to wash the dust from my feet, but she has washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You didn't greet me with a kiss, but from the time I first came in, she has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You neglected the courtesy of olive oil to anoint my head, but she has anointed my feet with rare perfume. <sup>47</sup> I tell you, her sins – and they are many – have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.'

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to the woman, 'Your sins are forgiven.' <sup>49</sup> The men at the table said among themselves, 'Who is this man, that he goes around forgiving sins?' <sup>50</sup> And Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.' "

**Capture our Attention-**

- a. Just for fun! Ask the women to share their best remedy for removing stains. Have the men tell the worst stain they've ever caused.
  
- b. Share your Take-A-Way from Jed's sermon last Sunday. What insight did God use to capture your attention? How are you trying to put that insight into practice in your daily life?

**Enlighten our Mind- Study the Word of God.**

1. Read the full Luke 7:36-50 passage. What word, phrase or sentence in the scripture text most captures your attention?

Why do you think God drew your attention to this section of the scripture?

2. What do you learn about Jesus in this passage (Luke 7:36-50)?

What do you learn about Simon and the woman in this story?

What does this passage reveal about humans?

3. How does Jesus live out the principles of His teaching about love (from Luke 6:27-28, 35-36) in this setting?

What type of person is hardest for you love through forgiving?  
What can you learn from Jesus' example of forgiving?

4. What is the connection between forgiveness and love? (7:41-43, 47)

Contrast the different expressions of love by Simon and the woman.  
How did others react to their expression of love?

What do people at work/home/neighborhood notice about you that shows your love for Jesus?

5. What do you imagine the impact of Jesus' words in Luke 7:48-50 may have had on the woman? What was the reaction of the people at the table to Jesus' words? Why do you think they responded as they did?

What causes a person to feel that they have been forgiven "little"?