



Small Group Questions

How Will They Hear? Luke 7:36-50

REMINDER: The purpose of our small groups at Cypress is to learn to love one another. We seek to do this as we: 1. Study the Bible together; 2. Discuss how to put it into practice; 3. Pray together; and 4. Live life together. Please use these questions only as they help you achieve this purpose. You will notice that these questions are structured according to the three basic principles of Bible study - observation, interpretation, and application.

1. **Sermon Link:** Read Luke 7:36-50. What stood out to you during the sermon on Sunday?

2. **Observe – What do you see?**

There are two ways to see people. How would you describe the difference between how Simon the Pharisee *looked* (*eidon*) at the woman in Luke 7:39 and how Jesus *saw* (*blepo*) her in Luke 7:44?

What do you learn from Jesus' teaching in Luke 7:36-50 about how God *sees* you?

3. **Interpret – What does it mean?**

Read Isaiah 6:8-10. How is it that we can see but not perceive, as God talks about in these verses? What forces are at work to prevent us from seeing things as God sees them?

If we're going to see others like Jesus, we need God's Spirit to "open the eyes of our heart" (Ephesians 1:18). How does Paul's prayer in Ephesians 1:15-21 equip you to pray for this?

4. **Apply – How does this apply?**

How will you put into practice what you have learned from Jesus in Luke 7:36-50? Is there someone in particular that God is calling you to see differently? Will you pray for God to open the eyes of your heart? How will you see others through the lens of Jesus' love and forgiveness this week?

5. **Prayer ...**