

Sermon Guide September 14: Luke 7:36-50

What stood out to you most from the sermon? Why?

Key Takeaway:

- 1. Jesus sees and values people beyond their labels or reputations.
- 2. Forgiveness leads to love; it's not earned by our actions.
- 3. When we truly understand the depth of our forgiveness, it results in extravagant worship and love for Jesus.
- 4. Jesus invites everyone, regardless of their past, to come close to Him.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. In the story, which character did you most identify with Simon the Pharisee, the sinful woman, or the observers? Why?
- 2. When grace meets disgrace, it isn't quiet. How have you experienced this in your own life?
- 3. Discuss the difference between trying to earn forgiveness and responding to forgiveness already given. How does this change our approach to God?
- 4. When is the last time you shed tears over your forgiveness? Share a time when you were deeply moved by God's forgiveness.
- 5. How does understanding the depth of our forgiveness impact our worship and service to God?
- 6. In what ways might we, like Simon, fail to "see" people as Jesus sees them? How can we improve in this area?

7. Jesus invites us to come close. What might be holding you back from drawing closer to Jesus?

Practical Applications:

- 5. This week, take time to reflect on specific ways God has forgiven you. Write them down and thank Him for each one.
- 6. Practice "seeing" others as Jesus does. Choose someone you might typically overlook or judge, and make an effort to see them through God's eyes of love and compassion.
- 7. Identify an area of your life where you might be trying to earn God's favor rather than responding to His grace. Surrender this to God in prayer.
- 8. Consider how you can express your love for Jesus in a tangible way this week, inspired by the woman's extravagant act of worship.