



Tri-Village Sermon Discussion Questions

Topic: *Grace and Truth*

Text: Luke 7:36-50

Service Date: June 23, 2024

Note: The questions are only a starting point for discussion. Don't hesitate to modify, adapt, or highlight only specific ones to fit your group and/or personal study.

Getting Started

- Do you enjoy hosting guests for meals or events at your household? Why? Why not?
- What meal is your favorite meal to enjoy and why? (Christmas, Thanksgiving, Easter, New Years, birthday, etc)

Sermon Discussion

- Read John 1:14. How does this verse change your view of Christ, knowing that He came down as the word incarnate, full of glory and outpouring grace and truth upon all?
- Paul points out that Simon met with Jesus out of obligation rather than true interest. Have you ever felt as if you are meeting with Christ or the church out of obligation or “religious duty”? What did you do to change that?
- During Jesus' day and age, it was custom for the host to serve their guests in several ways (i.e. washing feet, greeting, anointing). What are some practical ways that you can show Christ to others through small acts of service?
- Paul states in his sermon that, “Part of our spiritual maturity is how we learn to treat other people with grace when they don't deserve it.” Luke 6:32-34 reads, “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full.” Why do you think it can be so difficult for us to extend grace to those we feel are undeserving?

- Part of the irony in Simon's story was that he devoted his life to Christ, but did not know who Jesus was when He was sitting at his table. Additionally, after Jesus' resurrection, we see a story in Luke 24 where Jesus walked with and taught two of his disciples but they did not recognize Him. Have you ever had a time where you were unaware/blind to the work that Christ was doing in you or your life?
- Something we can learn from the sinful woman in the story is a desperation and need for Christ. Can you think of any ways to help foster that same spiritual hunger in your own life?
- Paul illustrates in his sermon how the sinful woman poured out all that she had, giving up not only herself, but also everything of her past life and profession (alabaster jar). Why is it so hard for us to eliminate the people, places and circumstances in our life that cause us to sin?
- One major point in the conclusion of the sermon was that repentance is extremely important in our lives as Christ followers. Unfortunately, repentance has seemed to gain a negative connotation in recent years. Why do you think this has happened and how can we do a better job of changing our mindsets about repentance?
- How can you better share the way God's grace works in and throughout your life with those around you?

Resources

Book: *Bad Girls of the Bible* by Liz Curtis Higgs

Book: *Don't Give the Enemy A Seat at Your Table* by Louie Giglio

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