

## Home of Simon the Pharisee

Luke 7:36-50

1. Introduce yourselves to the others at the table. If you could invite someone famous to a dinner party, who would it be and why?
2. Read Luke 7:36-39. Who invited Jesus to eat at his home and how is he described?
3. Who else is also at the meal, and what is her reaction to Jesus?

What does Simon the Pharisee conclude about the woman and about Jesus?

In verse 39, to whom does the Pharisee make his statements about Jesus and the woman?

4. Now look at Luke 7:40-43. Jesus answers the Pharisee's thoughts with a parable. Why does the moneylender cancel their debt? See verse 42.

Both debtors owe a significant debt. A denarius was about a full day's wage. Imagine yourself as one of the debtors with the canceled debt. What emotions do you think you would feel hearing the news that your very large debt was canceled?

5. Continue reading in Luke 7:44-46. Jesus compares the treatment He receives from Simon with the treatment He receives from the woman. What do their actions tell you about how they might regard Jesus?

How do our actions show others our true feelings for Jesus?

6. Finish reading in Luke 7:47-50. What does Jesus give to the woman in verse 48?

In a world that only saw her as a sinner, what do you think it meant to the woman to be forgiven and washed clean of her sin?

7. Look at verse 50 again. What is it that saved the woman?

What other gift does the woman receive that is a result of being forgiven?

Take a moment and consider the link between forgiveness and peace. Why do you think that having one gives you the other?

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### The Uninvited Guest

Luke 7:36-40

While Simon the Pharisee's motives for inviting Jesus to dinner are unclear, his thoughts and actions show his true feelings about Jesus.

The sinful woman came seeking Jesus and was prepared to worship Him.

Simon's own pride in his false righteousness causes him to judge both Jesus and the woman.

By answering Simon's thoughts, Jesus is proving to Simon that He is much more than just a prophet.

### The Parable of the Moneylender

Luke 7:41-43

Both debtors, even though they owe different amounts, owe a debt they cannot pay.

The moneylender sees their need and cancels their debt without asking anything in return.

The amount of the debt owed by the debtors affects their love towards the moneylender.

### An Unlikely Comparison

Luke 7:44-47

The Pharisee who spent his whole life doing works, missed all the things that would have welcomed Jesus, but the sinner out of love worshiped Him.

Simon's pride blinded him to his sin, and thus his need for forgiveness.

The woman, fully aware of her sin, knew her need for forgiveness.

### "Your Sins are Forgiven."

Luke 7:48-50

Jesus offer's forgiveness to everyone, but they must first acknowledge their need to be forgiven.

The woman was saved by her faith, and not her works.

With her sins forgiven the woman could have peace, and no longer be burdened by the weight of her sin.

### Bringing Forgiveness and Peace Home

*"The depth and passion of our personal Christianity depends on how clearly we see our personal guilt – and then our (complete) forgiveness in Christ." - R. Kent Hughes*

1. Choose to \_\_\_\_\_ the forgiveness Jesus offers.
2. Seek out ways to \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.
3. Go in \_\_\_\_\_!

Key: accept, worship, peace

**Heart of the Home – Simon the Pharisee**

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**LUKE 6:11** But [the Pharisees] were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus.

**ROMANS 3:23** [F]or all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**ROMANS 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**EPHESIANS 1:7-8** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.

**ROMANS 5:9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**LUKE 7:47 (NLT)** “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.”

**JOHN 10:28-30** “I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”

**ROMANS 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**JAMES 2:18** But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.