

A Tale of Two Sinners

Luke 7:36-50

- Am I _____ by fixating on _____?
- Is my understanding of _____ causing _____ to grow?
- How is my life _____ toward Jesus as my King?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Take a few minutes and re-read Luke 7:36-50 with your group. The title of the message Sunday was “A Tale of Two Sinners.” Take some time as a group and identify, from the text, all that you observe regarding these two individuals.
2. In our culture we tend to view “immoral” people as far from God and “moral” people as much closer to God. In Luke 7:36-50 we meet a Pharisee named Simon who, though very moral, did not see his need for Jesus as his savior. Why do you think highly moral people often fail to see their need for the gospel? How do you see these tendencies at work in your own life?
3. Think of Jesus’ question in verse 44: “Do you see this woman?” We know very little about this woman and her story, although the text leads us to believe that she is a prostitute. Isn’t it amazing that that Jesus honors this sinful woman as someone who truly understands her need for forgiveness and her right response to Jesus? Take some time and have each group member share about the circumstances leading up to their becoming aware of the need to be forgiven and trust Christ.
4. The sinful woman demonstrated her devotion to Jesus through her actions of worship (washing and anointing Jesus’ feet). It was an action that was costly both financially and socially. In this passage, Jesus teaches that our love for Him reveals our understanding of how much we’ve been forgiven. What are the things in your life that compete for your love? (What do you think about when you don’t have to think about anything? What do you gladly spend money on?) Spend some time praying that God would “reorder your loves” by deepening your understanding of His love for you. (Ephesians 3:16-19)