

DISCUSSIONNOTES

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**JESUS
WE NEED
YOU NOW**

Long-time Christians need to be a friend to sinners like Jesus was. The church is a hospital for sinners, right? Sinners like ... you and me. **Romans 3:23**, *"Everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard."* So, if we Christians really believe this verse, then why do we treat others like they are less than? *"When sinners came to Jesus, they felt so much love they were motivated to change. The church needs to be a place where sinners feel welcome and inspired to change."* So why do Christians sometimes avoid serving, or become unseen, resistant?

Jamie talks about in **Luke 7:36-38** a woman who comes to Jesus crying and cleaning His feet with expensive perfume. Jesus shows Simon the representation of this woman versus someone of Simon's stature. She was so convicted, repentant and guilty she wept on Jesus' feet. Read the rest in **Luke 7:39-50**. How can this woman represent people today? What does this woman show? How can this correlate with people of the church? Explain then read **2 Corinthians 7:10**.

Real repentance includes conviction, contrition, and change. What good is it to be convicted, even contrite, but ultimately never change? What is the damage in this? Can this affect others? Why or why not? Read **Luke 13:5** and **Mark 9:43**. How does Jesus show the cost of sin? What does this represent in your own life? Explain.

Have you ever been confronted by some sin? Sometimes Jesus brings positive guilt through good people. Maybe you were mad, maybe you felt guilty when brought up, but you were thankful because they might have been saying Jesus wants to help you. Explain a time where this happened, and if not, explain a time where you may have helped someone. Read **Matthew 18:20**. Pause here and thank God for good friendships and relationships; for always hearing us when we speak.

"We sinners need Jesus because He doesn't just make us feel guilty, He turns us around, He welcomes and encourages real repentance." Jesus offers total forgiveness. Read **Romans 4:7-8** and **1 Peter 1:18-20**. No matter how you feel, you can rest in peace knowing you're forgiven because Jesus says so. He promises it in **Acts 13:38**. Even if we're a Christian and we've sinned, **1 John 1:9** is a great promise for Christians. Jesus promises it. There is no sin so great God can't wash it away. Close by reading **Romans 6:23** and close in prayer, thanking God for His love.