

Questions for eGroup Discussion
and Personal Reflection

How NOT to Experience God's Love
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How to Use This Guide in a Group Setting

Group Participants: Review your notes from the message and ask the Holy Spirit to continue to speak to you about your life. Come to eGroup prepared to participate. Watch the message online if you missed it live.

Group Leaders: Give everyone the chance to share, focusing on the questions that connect most with your group. Don't feel you must answer every question. If someone missed the message, allow time for others to fill them in on the main points and highlights.

Getting Started

Describe a special gift that you received from your children or parents, and what makes this gift stand out to you.

Embrace the Gospel

In our eGroup discussion guides, we're utilizing a simple structure for studying the Bible together, based on the acronym S.O.A.P. ...

Spirit: *Invite The Holy Spirit To Speak To You And To Guide Your Discussion*

Begin by praying and inviting the Spirit's activity into your discussion and application of God's Word.

Observation: *What Does This Passage Say?*

Read Luke 7:36-8:3 two or three times aloud, in a couple of different Bible versions, if possible.

What stands out to you as you read these verses (in terms of words, phrases, tone, personalities, etc.), or stood out to you from this week's message on these verses? What questions do they raise?

Describe the two different responses to Jesus—first Simon and then the woman. Why do they treat Jesus differently?

What point is Jesus making in the story he tells in verses 41-42? How has Simon “been forgiven little?”

Of the two characters in this story, with which do you most closely relate, and why?

Considering the title of this week's message, how would you summarize what these verses teach us about how not to experience God's love? Explain.

In contrast, what is required for a person to fully experience God's love?

Embrace the Gospel Continued

Application: *What Is God Saying To Me?*

How easy or difficult is it for you to experience Jesus' unconditional love for you, and why is that?

How easy or difficult is it to express your love for Him in worship (serving, giving, singing, etc.)?

Have each person share with the group one specific thing God is speaking to them personally from this passage and any next step this might involve.

Experience the Spirit

Pray: *Ask For God's Help In Living Out His Word*

Pray for each other in response to general points of application shared in your eGroup discussion, as well as needs and concerns for which you desire prayer.

How can you be the hands and feet of Jesus to one another this week in practical, life-giving ways?

Engage in Mission

Spend a few minutes talking about the people in your life who are not-yet followers of Jesus, and some of the opportunities you have to reflect Christ's love to them in practical ways ... with no strings attached.

As an eGroup, how can you be praying for these people and your relationships with them? How can you as a group be supporting one another in ministering to them, blessing them, or loving them in intentional ways?



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