

*This is Us*

THE CHURCH DEFINED

**We welcome without judgement**

**welcome: receiving appreciatively the presence of another**

**judgement:  
a negative assessment of another person  
based on a personal preference or superficial  
sense of superiority**

Luke 7:36

Now one of the **Pharisees** was requesting  
Him to dine with him, and He entered the  
Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

## Luke 7:37

**And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume,**

**1. Jesus welcomes all who come to him.**

**Luke 7:38**

**and standing behind Him at His feet, weeping,  
she began to wet His feet with her tears, and  
kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and  
kissing His feet and anointing them with the  
perfume.**

**Luke 7:39**

**Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner."**

**2. Religious hypocrites offer only a selective welcome.**

## Phil 2:3-4

**Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.**

**1st step towards a miserable "church life"...**  
**make church about yourself.**

Luke 7:44

Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair.

**Luke 7:45-46**

**"You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I  
came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. "You  
did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed  
My feet with perfume.**

**Luke 7:47**

**"For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."**

**3. Welcomed sinners, Welcome others**

**Luke 7:48**

**Then He said to her, "Your sins have been  
forgiven."**