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SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY
DISCUSSION GUIDE

WELCOME

What is your favorite perfume or cologne?

WORSHIP

Listen to "Abide" - Aaron Williams
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5_wDLfwbA88

WORD

Message Title: "The Source of Abundant Love"| *Luke: Good News for Broken People (Part 21)*| Pastor Bryan James, 11/8/2026

Scriptures: Luke 7:36-50

1. What part of the message or Scriptures stood out to you this week? Why?
2. **Read Luke 7: 36-50.** What is the theme of Sunday's message? What is Pastor Bryan implying about the assurance of our Salvation based on this theme?
3. Imagine the backstory of the sinful woman. What risk was this she taking in coming to the Pharisee's (Simon's) house? What might this tell us about her state of mind?
4. What is your impression of Simon? How would you have felt watching the woman anoint Jesus?
5. Who can you identify with most in this story: the sinful woman, Simon, Jesus?
6. *Reference vv. 41-43.* What do you think Jesus' purpose was in telling the parable in vv. 41-43? Why didn't he just accuse Simon of not loving enough?
7. What are the implications for Jesus' word in this passage? Compare this with Pastor Bryan's bottom-line theme.
8. What needs to happen for you to feel the kind of forgiveness the sinful woman felt?
   1. I need to take an honest look at my life (evidence is in the fruit)
   2. I need to stop listening to Pharisees who condemn me.
   3. I need to accept the forgiveness Jesus already offered.
   4. Nothing really, because I feel/receive Christ's forgiveness fully!
   5. Other
9. What have you learned from this story that you coud apply this week?

WITNESS

Commit this story of the sinful woman to memory and ask the Lord for opportunity to share his abundant love and forgiveness through sharing this good news, along with how he also saved you from the penalty of your own sins.

CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.
Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.