

ENCOUNTERS

WITH THE POWER OF GOD

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS | LUKE 7:36-8:3

1. We see from this woman that true repentance is humble. Why must humility precede biblical repentance? Without humility, what happens to repentance?
2. We also see from the woman that true repentance is public. A change of mind will produce a change of lifestyle. Why is this important to remember? What happens when we forget it? How do we see this in believers today?
3. Jesus says to the woman, "your faith has saved you." How did she have and demonstrate faith? How can we learn from her when it comes to our own faith?
4. The Pharisee can't see this woman's repentance. All he sees is her sin. This happens today as well. How do we kill that pharisaical attitude in our life and in the church?
5. The parable Jesus gives reminds us that blindness to our own sin makes us cold towards the love of Jesus. If you were to measure your love/passion for Christ what would it be? How might blindness to personal sin affect this number?
6. The more aware we become of our personal sin the more passion and love we experience for Jesus. How should one go about becoming aware of their personal sin: past, present, future? What's the healthy way to do this? What's the unhealthy way to do this? How do we strike the right balance?
7. Pride blinded the Pharisee to the woman's repentance and his own personal sin. Where is pride blinding you in your dealings with others and your view of yourself?
8. Love *follows* forgiveness it doesn't cause it. Why is the order important for living the Christian life? Do you sometimes find yourself living as if God will only forgive you if you live for him and love him?
9. Gratitude for God's grace can and will kill pride. Share why you're grateful.