

1. Intro

- Luke continues reporting his eye witness accounts about the life and teaching of Jesus. Today, we'll see some **truths** from His teaching about forgiveness and **how to be forgiven by God**.

2. Text: Luke 7:36-50

Luke 7:36-39

- "A certain immoral woman" who Jesus had recently forgiven found Him at Simon the Pharisee's house, and she overflowed with deep gratitude to Him for His forgiveness.

Luke 7:39-48

- Simon the Pharisee only saw the prostitute's sin; he didn't acknowledge his own sin before God.
- Jesus declared to Simon about the prostitute: "I tell you, her sins - and they are many - **have been** forgiven."

Luke 7:49-50

- Simon and the other men didn't believe that Jesus was God's Son, and they didn't believe He had the authority to forgive sin.
- Jesus declared to the woman, "your **faith** has saved you; go in peace."
 - Faith in Jesus is the key to God's forgiveness and salvation!

3. Application: 3 facts about Forgiveness:

- We **all** need forgiveness!

- Forgiveness is a gracious **gift** of God that is received by **faith**
 - **Ephesians 2:8-9** “**8** God saved you by his grace when you **believed**. And you can't take credit for this; it is a **gift** from God. **9** Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.”

 - **Philippians 3:1-9**

- God's forgiveness is 100% **certain!**
 - **Colossians 1:11-14**

- God's forgiveness results in a **changed** life.