

Discussion Questions

November 29-December 5

If you missed the weekend sermon, you can find it here:

<https://www.biblechapel.org/sermons/>

1. Coming off of Thanksgiving, share something you are thankful for as we prepare our hearts for Christmas.

2. Many during the past 9 months have experienced isolation and the seat of loneliness. **Read John 16:33 and Romans 8:38-39.** We said this weekend:

The experience of the loneliness of this world is temporary, the experience of the love of Christ is eternal.

Have you struggled in this area of loneliness throughout the pandemic? How do we cling to the love of Christ in times of loneliness?

3. Read our passage from this past weekend again: **Luke 7:36-50.** Put yourself in Simon's house at this time; what would that experience have been like watching this woman weep at the feet of Jesus? What else stands out to you from the passage?

4. We said this weekend:

A believer's response to the eternal love of Christ should be unashamed loving surrender back to him.

What does a life of surrender for Christ look like practically? Is there something you need to let go of/give to God?

5. Sometimes the best remedy for loneliness is to praise God. This week spend some time in adoration of Him. Go around and share reasons you are praising God this week.

Bible References

John 16:33

³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

Romans 8:38-39

³⁸ For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Luke 7:36-50

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at table. ³⁷ And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, ³⁸ and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed his feet and anointed them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ And Jesus answering said to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.” And he answered, “Say it, Teacher.” ⁴¹ “A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon answered, “The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt.” And he said to him, “You have judged rightly.” ⁴⁴ Then 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. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.” ⁴⁸ And he said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ Then those who were at table with him began to say among ^[a] themselves, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

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