

When Jesus Asks You: Do you see this woman?

November 5th, 2023 Small Group Discussion Questions

Getting Started

Take some time to catch up and connect as a group. Pray before discussion. Expect God to move through your time together!

Pacing Your Group

Move quickly through "observation" leaving enough time for "reflection", "discussion", and "surrender."

Scripture Reading

Re-read the scripture passages as needed when you discuss the questions.

Observation: What does this scripture passage say?

Take some time to look up and read out loud together: Luke 7:36-50

- 1. What stands out to you how descriptive this story is?
- 2. What cultural acts of hospitality does Simon not show Jesus as his dinner guest?

Reflection and Discussion: What are some first thoughts flowing from the scriptures? How do the scriptures connect to everyday life.

- 3. What parallels does this "sinful woman" have with "sinners" in our day and in what ways is she different?
- 4. Simon is a Pharisee, meaning he is a Jewish religious leader that is committed to following and obeying the Old Testament Law. However, he misses that the Law was intended to point first into his own heart. How do you struggle to look inwardly first before evaluating others' situations?
- 5. The parable that Jesus gave in this text clearly illustrates the point he made to Simon afterward. What is the point of the parable and how should it relate to our experience of forgiveness?
- 6. Jesus did not skip over the reality that the sin of this woman was great (vs47). However, that reality is what made her response to Jesus so impassioned. In what way does our understanding of our need for Jesus impact our response to Jesus in repentance?

Surrender: Responding to God's voice.

7. What is one thing God is saying to you through this study and discussion?

** Take some time to pray for one another in response to what has been discussed today **
