

Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 11 - *Lessons in Love*

Luke 7:36-50

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED: Who is the most loving person you ever met? Do you have any idea why he or she has such a capacity for loving others?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD'S WORD

Together, read Luke 7:36-50 together

1. What words would you use to describe Simon? What words would you use to describe the woman? What risks did she take to come to the house of a Pharisee?
2. In the parable of the two debtors, what was Jesus saying to Simon? Why did Jesus use a parable to tell Simon these things instead of just directly telling him?
3. What do we learn about forgiveness from this story and parable?
4. Verse 47 is the key verse for this passage. Read it together. What does this verse mean?
5. Tim Keller, pastor and author, says this: *"Here is the Gospel: You're more sinful than you ever dared believe; you're more loved than you ever dared hope."* What is your "gut" reaction to this statement? What does this statement mean? How is becoming aware of our sinfulness good news?

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

1. What does this story tell us about true spirituality?
2. What does this passage tell us about growing in our love toward God and others? Does this insight surprise you?
3. What things can we do to grow in God’s forgiveness? In gratitude?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.

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