

SERMON NOTES: LOVE AND GRACE

Series: Luke: The Gospel of Knowing For Sure

Date: October 4th, 2015

Text: Luke 7:36-50

Theme: Assurance of forgiveness. Those who understand their true spiritual condition will embrace the forgiveness Jesus offers and love Him accordingly.

1. The Setting

- a. Event comes _____ the rejection of the religious rulers
of John and Jesus

2. The characters

- a. The self-righteous _____
- b. The _____ woman
- c. The Long suffering _____

3. A Parable of debt

- a. A _____ debt
- b. The _____ of the parable to Simon and
the woman

4. A Love motivated by a deep appreciation of grace

- a. The need for a clear picture of our _____ condition
- b. The need for a clear picture of the _____ of grace

SMALL GROUP HOME WORK:

*These questions will help prepare you for your Small Group session this week –
so bring your answers with you to your Small Group meeting.*

RELATE:

Share with the group your definition of forgiveness

REFLECT:

1. Read Luke 7:36-50. In verses 36-39, how is the woman described? Look carefully at what she does. What different emotions does she express here? How do you think she feels about herself? What would motivate this woman to crash a dinner party, bring this expensive gift and weep before Jesus?
2. In verse 39, how does Simon, the host, react to this uninvited guest? How does he feel about Jesus? (Notice also the deference he gives Jesus in verse 40.)
3. What does the Pharisee say to himself when he sees Jesus permitting this display to continue? Verse 39. According to the Pharisee, Jesus has failed the test of being a prophet. How does the Pharisee reason to that conclusion?
4. Jesus presents a parable to Simon. What is it about? Verse 41. How do the two amounts compare to one another? What is the key question that the parable poses? (Verse 42c)
5. Toward whom does Jesus turn, while at the same time he is addressing Simon? (Verse 44a) What contrast does Jesus make between Simon's actions and the woman's? (Verse 44b)
6. What second contrast does Jesus make between Simon's actions and the woman's? (Verse 45) Consider the deeper meaning of this in light of Psalm 2:10-12.
7. What third contrast does Jesus make between Simon's actions and the woman's? (Verse 46)

RESPOND:

What public pronouncement does Jesus make to the woman? (Verse 48) If the woman's sins were already forgiven in private, why does it have to be declared in public? How will this help the woman? How can this help us?

What have you learned through this study about God's love and forgiveness? Have you made it your own?