



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | **SERIES: FOCUS: LEARNING TO SEE CLEARLY**
TITLE: MUCH FORGIVENESS, MUCH LOVE
SCRIPTURE: LUKE 7:36-50

One Thing Follow-up:

God's word recalibrates our life to joy, freedom, purposeful unity, worship, and remembrance.

Q. How did God's word recalibrate your life this week?

Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture. Christians need to be people of Scripture now, maybe more than ever.

Series Review

We are starting a new series this week called Focus: Learning to see clearly. This series will focus on the parables shared by Jesus. These parables will both challenge us and instruct us. Almost all parables explain the picture; however, in this first parable the picture explains the parable with Much Forgiveness, Much Love.

Review the Message

The word parable means to "throw alongside" and many of the parables have a trapdoor, which we will find ourselves standing on if we are not careful.

Read Luke 7:36-50

Jesus has been preaching an controversy is growing.

Q. What challenges you about the actions of the Pharisee and/or the woman in these verses?

Q. Which of these 2 individuals do you feel represent you?

Let's put all the pieces together.

Scene 1-3 individuals

A woman who says nothing, but her actions speak volumes.

Q. Share a time when you allowed your actions to speak on your behalf?

Q. How does her reaction to Jesus compare to your reaction to Jesus?

Simon, the Pharisee, who does nothing and what he doesn't

Q. How did the sermon change the way you thought of the Pharisees?

Q. How do you go about deciding with whom you are going to share God's love?

Jesus the master of the entire scene and guest of honor.

Q. How do you feel about how Jesus is treated by Simon?

We need to be intentional about how we treat everyone and be hospitable.

Q. In what ways are you intentional about how you respond to Jesus?

Scene 2-The woman

Her actions seem deliberate, but not premeditated.

Q. How do you feel when Jesus is "mistreated"?

She washes his feet with a waterfall of tears and enters into his humiliation by using her hair to dry them.

Scene 3-Simon the Pharisee

Q. What strikes you about what Simon thought? How surprised do you think he was that Jesus answered his "thoughts"?

Q. Do you think that Simon understood that he had also been forgiven?

Jesus always deals with the heart and never backs down to hypocrisy.

Q. What kind of reaction do you think there was in the room when Jesus dealt with Simon's hypocrisy?

Q. Prior to this sermon, what was your level of understanding about the way Jesus was treated?



The ground is level at the foot of the cross.

Q. How can you explain this statement to someone else?

We tend to minimize our sin and maximize the sin of others.

Q. When have you been more like the Pharisee than the woman in this parable?

**Living It Out
Application**

Faith is demonstrated in acts of love. Only when I understand my sin am I really willing to love the least of these>

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?