

STUDY GUIDE

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[setting it up]

Share about a time when you helped someone, but they were ungrateful. Or... if you are feeling brave, share about a time when someone helped you, but you weren't grateful.

What does a lack of love and gratitude communicate and even give evidence to?

[digging deeper]

Read Luke 7:36-50.

Jesus interacts with both a Pharisee named Simon and an unnamed woman with a sinful reputation. The passage says that the woman was a "sinner," but we know that Simon is one too. So, what is the distinction between their sinfulness?

How do we see the same dynamic play out today when it comes to our sins and the sins of others?

What does it say about Jesus that He both accepted the invitation to Simon's home and allowed the weeping woman to interact with Him the way she did? How does that help you understand Jesus' heart toward others? Toward you?

Look again at the actions of the woman. What does it reveal about her heart? How did Jesus affirm that?

Look again at the actions (inactions) of Simon. What does that reveal about his heart? How did Jesus call that out?

What was the point of the parable that Jesus taught in verses 41-43?

Was it the *actions* of the woman that saved her? Using what you know of the Gospel and what we see in other places in Scripture, what would have been the sequence of events that took place in the woman's life?

Using the list below, place a "1," "2," "3," etc. to indicate the order in which you think the events happened and share your answers with your group and why you used this order.

___ Wept/wiped feet of Jesus
___ Believed in Jesus

___ Saved
___ Repentance

___ Heard of Jesus

(over)

[living it out]

When you think of your relationship with Jesus, do you think you're more like the woman or Simon?

What would those closest to you (parents, kids, spouse, close friends) say?

What actions and attitudes do you see/would others see in your life that evidence your love for Jesus and your depth of understanding of His forgiveness?

What is one thing you have realized about yourself by doing this study and what does God want you to do about it?