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## Great Forgiveness. Great Love.

Discussion Guide  
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Luke 7:36-50

### Questions for Study

\*\* Before you begin, please read Luke 7:36-50 as a group.

1. Imagine you owed a significant debt (maybe a student loan, or \$\$ you borrowed from a friend) that you discovered had been forgiven. How would you respond to the person who forgave your debt? Why?
2. Look closely at Luke 7:36-50. How does the woman respond to Jesus? Look closely and observe all you can about her response.
3. Now contrast the sinful woman's response in this passage with Simon the Pharisee's posture toward Jesus. How are they different?
4. How is debt a picture of our spiritual state because of sin?
5. Read Luke 7:41-42. What point is Jesus trying to make with this story?
6. The woman in this story realized the great forgiveness she'd been shown, while Simon doesn't seem to realize his own need for great forgiveness. Why is realizing our great need for forgiveness so essential?
7. The woman's response in this passage is full of humility and joyful worship. How do you see each of those two things (humility and worship) in her response?
8. How does appreciating the forgiveness we've been shown lead to both humility and worship? Explain.
9. In v. 50 Jesus makes it clear that this woman's actions aren't what saves her – she is saved through faith. Why is this important to point out?
10. Has realizing the great forgiveness you've been shown, or your own need for great forgiveness, made a practical difference in your life? How so?
11. **Challenge: Memorize John 6:68-69:** "68 Simon Peter answered [Jesus], "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. 69 We have come to believe and to know that you are the Holy One of God."