

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

Luke 7:36-8:3

Ice Breaker: Share a few highs and lows from this past week.

Ice Breaker: Describe your most memorable dinner party.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. **Read Luke 7:36-40:** What is the setting for this story? How does this story connect to the passage above (7:18-35)?
2. What do we know about Simon the Pharisee from this passage? How has his pharisaical ways influenced his actions/thoughts in this passage?
3. What do we know about the "woman of the city"? What social/moral/emotional barriers did she cross or overcome to enter into the house and perform her act of honor upon Jesus?
4. Spend some time considering how we might fall into the category of the pharisee. Why are our hearts prone to judge and exclude? What might be the cause for this?
5. How did Jesus respond in this first section? What does that teach us about who Jesus is and how he relates to us?
6. How have we failed to believe Jesus' love and forgiveness in our own lives this week? What would change in our lives if we grasped a little bit more the love of Jesus?
7. How does Jesus' actions instruct how we ought to respond to "sinners"? What areas of life do we find it hard to welcome or love "sinners"? What ways does Jesus use to change our hearts to be more loving?
8. **Read Luke 7:41-50:** What is the point of Jesus' parable? How does this apply to the women? How might Jesus' rebuke of Simon in v.44-46 be instructive for us? What might it look like for us to honor Jesus in a way that mirrors the woman?
9. Spend some time discussing Jesus' words in verse 47: *"Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."* How might the endless depths of Jesus' love help us in our current walk with Jesus? How might it encourage more openness, honesty, and confession?