

Women Who Encountered Jesus – Week 5

There are times when the issues of sin in our lives seem to be like a tidal wave that grows and keeps growing until it reaches the point where it crashes over us, completely eradicating our sense of purpose, and this *because* of the guilt and shame that the *wave of sin* carries in it. We tend to think that we have *lost* purpose, and so we *distance ourselves* from Christ, and from His flock.

How about the moments wherein we *are aware* of our issues of sin, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are *illuminated* by the experience of conviction so much so, that all we can do is to respond by *falling* at the feet of Christ?

In Luke 7:36-50, here we see the picture of “a woman of the city, **who was a sinner**”, *respond* in a way that nobody was expecting her to respond, as she wept, and “*began to wet His feet with her tears and wiped them with the hair of her head and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointments.*” This woman came as she was to Christ, a sinner but, *did not* leave as she *came*, as Jesus says to her in verse 48, “*Your sins are forgiven*”, and further, in verse 50, “*Your faith has saved you; go in peace.*”

Person: *The Sinful Woman: When Jesus Meets us in Forgiveness*

Scripture: *Luke 7:36-50*

Big Idea: *Those who understand the depth of Christ’s forgiveness **respond** with extravagant love.*

Ice-Breaker Question: *What makes it difficult for people to receive forgiveness?*

Discussion Questions

- 1) How does Simon view this woman?
- 2) How does Jesus view her?
- 3) Why do you think she responded so extravagantly?
- 4) What does this passage teach us about forgiveness?
- 5) Why can religious people struggle to recognize their own need for grace?
- 6) How does receiving forgiveness affect our worship?
- 7) Are you more aware of your sin or God’s grace?

Reflection/Action Step:

Complete:

“Jesus, thank You for forgiving me for _____.” Thank You for grace that we could never earn.

This week: *Look for an opportunity to extend forgiveness to someone.*