

***SIMON, A WOMAN, AND JESUS***

**LUKE 7:36-50**

**COMMUNITY**

# Living in Community: A Litmus Test for our Hearts



**CONTEXT**

**LUKE 7:36-50**

Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table.

## *THE WOMAN*

When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is — that she is a sinner."

## JESUS

Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you." "Tell me, teacher," he said.

"Two men owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

## JESUS

Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

## *JESUS*

Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven — therefore she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little."

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

# Kingdom Litmus Test

- ▣ The Kingdom is about GRACE and LOVE
- ▣ Jesus models:
  - remaining in relationship through hurt
  - reaching out to the “outsider”

Today, can we make the first move?