



SESSION SEVEN

LUKE: PREPARE THE WAY

Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

HEAR THE WORD

Watch the Session 7. Take notes on overview of the book to use as you dive into personal study this week.

READ THE WORD

Read Luke 7:36–50 each day this week. Read at least three times from the ESV and read from other translations of your choosing on the remaining days. (You can find access to additional translations at biblegateway.com if you don't have physical copies of the Bible.) On two days this week, also read Mark 14.



Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven – for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.

Luke 7:47

STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **Pharisees in Jesus' time were Jewish religious and political leaders who sought to preserve tradition and the law among their community. They were often called out by Jesus. What does a "pharisee" look like today?**
2. **Place yourself at the dinner party hosted by Simon, the pharisee. Do you relate more to Simon or the sinful woman? Why? What lesson does the parable Jesus told teach you?**
3. **Have you ever prayed for something that you learned, in hindsight, was the wrong thing to pray for? How did God respond?**
4. **Why is forgiveness of sins so important? When was the last time you earnestly repented of your sin? If it's been a while, pause right now and confess your sin in prayer. Thank God for His forgiveness.**
5. **Jesus draws a correlation between how much we are forgiven and how much we love. How has this correlation played out in your own life and relationships?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Discuss within your group the stigma of Christ-followers interacting socially with "very sinful" people. Have you, like the pharisee in this account, ever thought "if so-and-so knew that woman's sins, he/she wouldn't be OK with them"?**
2. **Why is it good for us to be reminded of our own sin – especially knowing that Jesus died to save us from their consequence?**
3. **Whom do you struggle to love? Share with the group discreetly – do not name that person. How does asking forgiveness for our sin help us love others?**
4. **As a group, try to imagine the scene caused by the sinful woman in Luke 7. Have you ever felt prompted to respond to Christ in a way that might draw unwanted attention to yourself? What did that look like for you?**