

Facilitator:

1. Open with Prayer
2. Welcome any newcomers
3. Give a 5-minute review of Peppy's sermon

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question. They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end. It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available. Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

CONNECT Group study questions for January 24 - Luke 7:36-50

Title: Unspoken Worship

Have the group read together **Luke 7:36-5**— *One of the Pharisees asked him to eat with him, and he went into the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. And behold, a woman of the city, who was a sinner, when she learned that he was reclining at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster flask of ointment, and standing behind him at his feet, weeping, she 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 ointment. Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what sort of woman this is who is touching him, for she is a sinner." And Jesus answering said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he answered, "Say it, Teacher."*

"A certain moneylender had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they could not pay, he cancelled the debt of both. Now which of them will love him more?" Simon answered, "The one, I suppose, for whom he cancelled the larger debt." And he said to him, "You have judged rightly." Then turning toward the woman he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not ceased to kiss my feet. You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves

little." And he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; Go in peace."

QUESTION: Peppy said that a Pharisee was a member of the Jewish religious establishment who distinguished himself by a strict observance of both traditional and written law. (Which is a good thing - RIGHT?) Why did Jesus have so much trouble with the Pharisees and why did the Pharisees have so much trouble with Jesus?

QUESTION: Verses 37 and 38 indicate that a prostitute entered Simon's courtyard and basically lavished her love upon Jesus in a pure way.

What do you think the reaction of our church would be if a prostitute entered our auditorium in the middle of worship? Would there be different reactions? (Explain)

QUESTION: Have your group explain the difference between a self-righteous religious person and a prostitute or a drug addict. Who would be more difficult to reach?

QUESTION: One of the main points in this story is what Jesus says in verse 7:

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

What is the difference in the two following statements?

- He who forgives much loves much.
- He who has been forgiven much loves much.

QUESTION: What did God say to you during Sunday's message? What did you think of the closing skit and song? What was the main point Peppy and Joey were trying to make?

QUESTION: Everything the forgiven prostitute did for Jesus in the courtyard was unspoken worship. What are some things we can do individually that are non-verbal to show Jesus we love Him?