Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 21, 2023 Scripture: Luke 7:36-50



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

When Jesus forgives our sins, our response is gratitude and worship.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)

- Who were the Pharisees? How were they attempting to trap Jesus?
- Why did she interrupt the meeting? How do you think this woman felt among these "holy" men? What must the Pharisees have thought by her presence?
- Discuss how religion can be a barrier to faith in Jesus.
- Have you come face to face with Jesus' holiness and your sin?
- Like the Pharisees, are there people we consider ineligible for Jesus' forgiveness?
- What is Jesus illustrating with the parable of the money lender (verses 40-43)? What did both men receive from the lender?
- How is this woman more spiritually attuned than the religious Pharisees (verses 44-46)?
- How does the way we treat others reveal our understanding of God's grace? Are you hypercritical of others' faults while blind to your own – or vice versa? How does the gospel remedy both issues?
- How does this woman evidence her gratitude for Christ's forgiveness? Like this woman, how can we be forgiven of our sins (verse 50)?