

#### 4. Jesus Drives it Home.

*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. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven-- for she loved much. But he who has been forgiven little loves little." Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are 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."* Luke 7:44-50

#### C. Understand and Receive The Message.

1. To the Pharisee - learn about Humility and Grace.

2. To the woman - receive Forgiveness and Peace.

3. To us:

-Recognize your need for GOD's Forgiveness.

*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,* Romans 2:23

-Come to Jesus and Receive Forgiveness.

*If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.* 1 John 1:8-9

-Be extravagant in your Love for GOD and Others.

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

Matthew 22:37-40

**Come to Jesus Humbly.**

**Follow Him Wholeheartedly**

## “How Will You Respond to Jesus?”

**Luke 7:36-50**

#### A. Picture The Scene of This Story.

1. Jesus has dinner at a Pharisee's House.

*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.* Luke 7:36

2. A “Sinful” woman Crashes The Party.

*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,* Luke 7:37

3. She serves Jesus Extravagantly.

*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.* Luke 7:38

4. The Pharisee responds Judgmentally.

*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."* Luke 7:39

#### B. Listen to Jesus Speak.

1. He Tells a story of Two Debtors.

*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."* Luke 7:40-42a

2. He springs the Big Question.

*"Now which of them will love him more?"*

Luke 7:42b

3. The Pharisee Answers Correctly.

*Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." "You have judged correctly," Jesus said.* Luke 7:43

## **Faith@Home**

Commit yourself to spending time with GOD and His Word on at least five days this week. Read the Bible passage(s) listed.

Ask GOD for understanding. Reflect on the verses you read and write down your answers to the question(s). Pray that GOD will guide you to walk in His Word.

### **Day One**

Read Luke 17:36-50

1. Put yourself in the place of the Pharisee who hosted the dinner as you read through the passage. What thoughts are going through your head as you see this “sinful” woman crashing your party?

2. Jesus tells you a story of two men who are in debt. What lessons do you think he wants you to learn?

3. How will your attitudes change if you take this passage to heart?

### **Day Two**

Read John 7:36-50

1. As you read the passage this time, put yourself in the place of the woman who comes to Jesus. What thoughts are going through your mind as you carry out your plan to wash Jesus’ feet?

2. What would you think and feel when you hear Jesus say, “Your sins are forgiven”?

3. After additional reflection, what is GOD saying to you through this passage?

### **Day Three**

Read Luke 18: 9-14

1. What kind of people did Jesus address this story to? Are you ever like that?

2. What is the point of this story?

3. What is GOD saying to you through this passage?

### **Day Four**

Read Ephesians 1:1-10

1. What are the various blessings listed in the passage that are ours in Christ?

2. Which one is most precious to you? Why?

3. How about writing a “Thank you” to Jesus for His gifts to you?

### **Day Five**

Read Psalm 8

1. What do we learn about GOD in this passage?

2. What do we learn about humans (us) in this passage?

3. What is the message you take to heart through this Psalm?

4. Pray that GOD will prepare your heart and mind for our worship on Sunday.