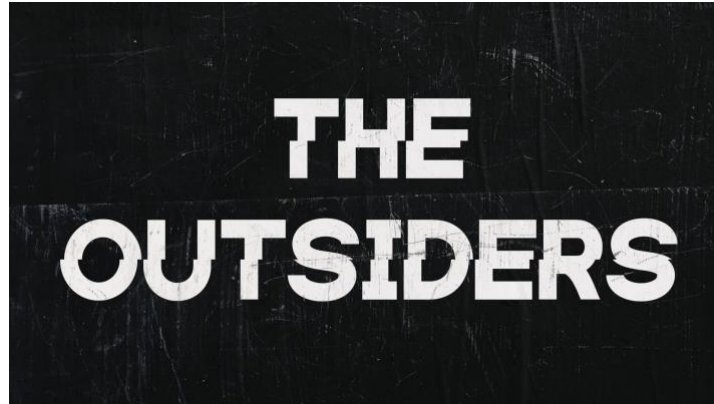


SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE



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MESSAGE RECAP

In this week's message, we witnessed a powerful moment unfold at a Pharisee's dinner party (Luke 7:36-50): A woman known for her sin broke cultural barriers to pour out her tears and expensive perfume at Jesus' feet, while the religious host stood back in judgment. Jesus used the moment to expose the difference between self-righteousness and surrendered love.

Jesus sees people. He welcomes the broken, meets humility with healing, and forgives not because of performance or emotion but because of faith. And when we truly experience His forgiveness, it changes how we live and how we see others.

WARM-UP QUESTION

- What's your go-to comfort meal after a long day?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Luke 7:36-38. Why do you think Jesus accepted the Pharisee's dinner invitation, knowing his motives?
 - What do you notice about the woman's response to Jesus?
 - She didn't say a word; her actions spoke. How does her story challenge you to show love or make a change through what you *do*, not just what you *say*?
2. This woman risked public shame to approach Jesus. What does her courage and generosity tell you about how she viewed Jesus?
 - Have you ever felt hesitant to approach God? What helped you take that step?

3. Imagine how she must have felt walking into that room. What does her story teach us about how we can help others feel welcome (or unwelcome) in our own spaces?
4. Read Luke 7:39-43. Simon judged her silently. The Pharisee saw a “sinner,” but Jesus saw a *person*. What are some habits or practices (like listening, asking questions, or praying for someone) that could help you respond with compassion instead of judgment?
5. When we forget how much we’ve been forgiven, our faith often becomes transactional instead of transformational. What’s one daily practice (like gratitude, journaling, prayer, reflection) that could help you stay mindful of how much grace you’ve received?
6. Read Luke 7:44-50. Jesus asks, “Do you see this woman?”
 - Who in your world might feel like an “outsider” and how can you “see” them the way Jesus does?
7. The woman brought her alabaster jar, something valuable (likely worth a year’s wages) and deeply personal (likely tied to her sin), and broke it at Jesus’ feet.
 - What might it look like for you to bring something valuable, your time, vulnerability, past, or pride and lay it before Jesus?

APPLICATION QUESTION *(This section is designed to invite group members to reflect on and do on their own throughout the week.)*

1. Where may God be inviting you to surrender so you can walk free?
 - Bring your “jar”: Identify one thing you need to bring to Jesus (a habit, secret, pattern, relationship, shame) and surrender it. Tell someone you trust.

CLOSING PRAYER

Your closing prayer can include:

1. **Gratitude** – *Jesus, thank you for seeing us, not just the mistakes we’ve made or the labels we’ve carried.*
2. **Acknowledgment of new insights** – *Help us bring what we’ve been holding on to and lay it all at Your feet. Give us the courage to fully surrender and shape our hearts to look more like Yours, overflowing with grace and truth. Amen.*

LEADERS

On November 8, serve with your group to package meals for hungry kids in need. Meals 4 Kids is a global mission effort in your own backyard and kid-friendly. Our goal is to package 200,000 meals for kids who don’t have access to nutritious food. We have three time slots available.

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