GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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LUKE SEASON 3
Forgiven Much?
Luke 7:36-50
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NOTES

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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GROUP DISCUSSION

1. **Open with prayer. (2-5 min)**
2. **Share your story ... *Describe a time when you realized you were missing a big "piece of the puzzle."* (7-10 min)**
3. **Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min)**
4. **Read Luke 7:36-50.**

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. (Luke: 37-38).

What was the woman crying about? What were her tears and actions expressing (without words)?

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." (vs. 39)

Why do you think the Pharisee wasn't taking Jesus seriously? What eventually changed his mind?

Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little." (vs. 47)

How was the Pharisee missing the "big picture" about where he stood with God? Why did the woman have a crystal clear picture of her deep need for Jesus' mercy?

PLAN OF ACTION

Do you relate more to the Pharisee or the woman in this story? What would need to change in your mind and heart to become less like the over-confident Pharisee and more like the penitent woman?