



FOREFRONT SMALL GROUP STUDY

Gratitude doesn't grow in performance culture—it grows in grace culture.

In Luke 7:36–50, a woman known only for her mistakes interrupts a dinner full of religious leaders. She brings nothing but a jar of perfume, her tears, and a heart broken open before Jesus. She doesn't speak. She doesn't explain herself. She just worships.

And Jesus—seeing her sincerity, not her shame—tells a story about forgiveness: two people owed debts, both forgiven, but only one truly understood what grace meant. That's the one who loved more.

Here's the truth: when we minimize our sin, we minimize our worship. But when we grasp the depth of God's grace, we can't help but respond with gratitude, love, and freedom.

So ask yourself: What if your struggle to worship isn't because your faith is weak—but because you've forgotten how much grace you've been given?

DAILY WALK / NEXT STEP:

This week, make space to remember the grace you've received. Write down a few moments when God's mercy met you where you least deserved it. Let that memory fuel your gratitude and worship. Because the more we remember our grace story, the more freely we can share it with others.

GROUP STUDY:

1. Read Luke 7:36–50 together.
2. What emotions or images stand out to you in this story? What do you notice about how both the woman and Jesus act compared to the religious leaders?
3. Grace Over Performance: Why do you think gratitude grows in “grace culture” instead of “performance culture”? Where have you seen those two mindsets play out in your life or faith?
4. The Weight of Forgiveness: Jesus says the one who has been forgiven much, loves much. How does understanding your own forgiveness change the way you love and worship?
5. Facing Our Brokenness: The woman in the story doesn't hide her past. She brings it to Jesus. What would it look like for you to bring your whole self—your regrets, flaws, and fears—to Him this week?
6. Worship as Response: How do gratitude and grace show up in your worship? What practical ways could you express your thankfulness to God this week?
7. Seeing Others Through Grace: The Pharisee judged the woman by her past, but Jesus saw her potential. How can grace change the way you view others in your daily life?
8. Grace That Frees: Jesus tells the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.” What might peace look like for you if you fully received God's grace today?

Have questions about this study or about Forefront Church? You can contact info@forefront.org and our team will help you.