



Silverdale Baptist Church
It's All About Jesus ~ Jesus: The Forgiver ~
Luke 7:36-50 ~ 02/03-04/2024

Big Idea

Jesus loves everyone, the sinner and the self-righteous.

Big Questions

In this story, are you more like the self-righteous or the sinner?

Who should you be like?

Getting Started

How did you feel about Matt Chandler's comment, "Jesus wants the rose?"

Learn

| HAVE SOMEONE READ LUKE 7:36-50

1. Jesus Will Associate With Anyone

- The Broken Sinner

*A woman in that town who lived a **sinful life** learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. 38 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 7:37-38)

- The Self-Righteous Skeptic

*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)*

Ask someone to retell the story briefly.

Of the two people in this story, who do you identify with?

Who would your closest friend say you are most like?

2. Jesus Receives All Kinds Of Sinners

- We All Owe A Sin Debt

*Jesus **answered him**, Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. 41 “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 Neither of them **had the money to pay him back**, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” 43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. (Luke 7:40-43)*

What is the point of the parable?

In Jesus' parable, who can pay their debt?

3. Jesus Will Reveal Your Heart

*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. 45 **You did not give Me a kiss**, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing My feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. (Luke 7:44-46)*

How does the parable relate to Simon?

- She Was Forgiveness In Jesus

*Therefore, I tell you, her many sins **have been forgiven**—as her great love has shown. But whoever 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?” (Luke 7:47-49)*

- She Had Faith in Jesus

*Jesus said to the woman, “Your **faith** has saved you. Go in peace.” (Lk 7:50)*

In this story, what did the “sinful woman” do to be saved?

How do her actions reflect her heart?

Apply

Who has the resources to pay their own sin debt?

In this story, are you more like the self-righteous or the sinner?

Who should we be like?

Do you associate with sinners? How can you develop relationships with the not yet saved sinners?

What has the Holy Spirit shown you this week, and what will you do about it?

Regardless of how good we think we are, none of us has the ability to pay our own sin debt. We have all sinned against the righteous, holy God. We all deserve death, hell, and eternal separation from God. The fact that God forgives us should drive all of us to tears and worship.

Pray

Father, many of us start our spiritual journey like the woman in this story but end up like Simon. Please, Lord, never let us get over the fact that Jesus paid our sin debt. In Jesus name, amen.