



Luke 7:36-8:3
Message-based Small Group Lesson

Opening

1. Share a time when you were willing to humiliate yourself for something or someone.
2. Share a time when someone's public expression made you uncomfortable or seemed to be out of proportion to the context.

Interaction with the text

1. Read through Luke 7:36 - 8:3. Even though it was common for people to come in and observe a meal like this, what do you think was going through the minds of the guests when the woman begins to wash Jesus' feet?
2. Share a time when you said or thought something that may have revealed a prejudice. Knowing your heart, what do you think Jesus would have said to you in those moments? (v. 39-40)

3. Read Luke 19:10. Re-state this priority of Jesus, applying it to a people group or demographic that you may struggle with.
4. Another underlying theme of these passages is Jesus' value of women. What might we learn from this about how Jesus saw women?
5. How does the parable in vs. 41-42 illustrate the principles Jesus was trying to teach in the real life encounter?

Application to life

1. Think of the sins/things that Jesus has forgiven you for. Would you say that you are a person who has been forgiven much and loves much? Why or why not?
2. Has there been a time when you have truly experienced the "freedom of forgiveness?" What is the single greatest memory you have of that time?
3. The woman's response to Jesus is one of radical (and costly) devotion. What are some of the ways we can show radical devotion to Jesus in response to his love and forgiveness in our lives?