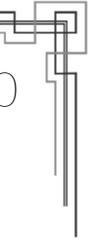

Bringing Our Shame to Jesus

Luke 7:36-50



Four postures of faith in the midst of our _____ . (37-38)

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Four ways Jesus _____ to our _____. (40-50)

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Open: What's a way that someone has shown you undeserved kindness?

Read & Discuss: Luke 7:36-50

1. In verses 36-39, how is the woman described? How do you think she feels about herself? What would motivate her to crash this party and do what she does before Jesus, in full view of others?
2. Looking at verses 39-40, how do you think Simon (the Pharisee) feels about what just happened? How does Simon see himself? How does he see Jesus?
3. Jesus responds to Simon with a story in verses 40-43. What lesson does Jesus expect Simon to learn from this story? How should we understand the measure of our own debt before Jesus in comparison with others?
4. In verses 45-46, Jesus points out all the things Simon did not do for Jesus. How are Simon and the woman different? What does this tell us about each of their hearts?
5. According to verse 47, those who have been forgiven much love much. How might we express this love? What should we do if we lack evidence of this love for God in our own lives?
6. How do you think the woman felt after Jesus' words in verse 50? How has she shown faith? According to the witness of this woman, how might we describe true faith in Jesus?
7. Some people struggle to experience God's love because they can't let go of their own sense of goodness or superiority. Using this story, how would you counsel that person?
8. Some people struggle to experience God's love because they can't let go of their shame. Using this story how would you counsel that person?

Apply: What could you do this week to cultivate gratitude for all Jesus has done for you? How could you express that gratitude to Him?

Pray: Thank Jesus for His forgiveness. Especially for those who are struggling with shame, pray that they might be able to embrace and delight in Jesus' abundant forgiveness.

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