



## DISCUSSION GUIDE

*Icebreaker:* If you could add one feature to where you live (house, apartment, tiny home, RV, tent etc.), what would it be, and why?

1. What does your relationship with forgiveness look like; like Simon, like Jesus, or somewhere in between? Try and explain your answer with a practical example.
2. Not realizing our need for forgiveness leads us to have a critical spirit, judgmental attitudes and resist spiritual truth. [\(Luke 7:36-38\)](#) How have you battled this tendency in your life?
3. When a person is aware of their own need for God's forgiveness, it's more likely they will be humble, repentant, grateful and anxious to serve. How has this been true in your personal life, with your family, at work or with your church family? [\(Luke 7:37-46\)](#)
4. Pastor Tom asked "When it comes to our lives, actions, and attitudes, what evidence is there that we know and have experienced Jesus' love and forgiveness?" What next step can you take this week to ensure that this evidence is apparent to all?

If you haven't yet experienced Jesus' love and forgiveness by saying your own personal YES! to Him, what's holding you back? Take time to ask whatever questions you may have as you're comfortable or contact one of our pastors at 763.263.2410 for more information.

Day One: [Luke 22](#)

Day Two: [Luke 23](#)

Day Three: [Luke 24](#)

Day Four: [John 1](#)

Day Five: [John 2](#)

## PERSONAL GUIDE



Your story matters.



## Party Crasher

Pastor Tom Lundeen  
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# "Party Crasher"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

## MESSAGE NOTES

What did Jesus have to say to ordinary people like you \_\_\_\_\_?

What did He do in people's lives?

Note [Luke 7:36-38](#)

The conversation that unfolds (in a way Simon never anticipated) shows us how different \_\_\_\_\_ can look in people's lives depending on their self-awareness.

## 1. A Person Who Does Not Realize How Much They Need Forgiveness...

- A. Has a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit (note [Luke 7:39](#)) - this meal Jesus was invited to wasn't a \_\_\_\_\_ dinner. Instead of telling this woman to leave...Simon saw an opportunity to make Jesus look \_\_\_\_\_. A person who is or becomes unaware of their own spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ can be in the presence of Jesus and yet fail to understand the reality of His love and forgiveness. A judgmental attitude and sense of superiority towards others commonly affects people who don't appreciate how \_\_\_\_\_ their own need of forgiveness is.
- B. \_\_\_\_\_ spiritual truth—...nothing is hidden from Jesus (note [Luke 7:40-47](#)). A person who has forgotten or is unaware of how much they need forgiveness is often \_\_\_\_\_ to the spiritual truth that they need to understand and accept.

## 2. A Person Who Does Realize How Much They Need Forgiveness...

- A. Is courageously \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Luke 7:37-38](#)) - This woman...needed a \_\_\_\_\_ to go to Jesus as she stares and whispers of the guests and spectators rained down upon her.
- B. Is genuinely \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Luke 7:38](#)) - her \_\_\_\_\_ indicate that Jesus had turned this woman from her sinful life.
- C. Is overflowing with \_\_\_\_\_ (note [Luke 7:44-46](#)) - when a person knows they need forgiveness and then experiences that forgiveness, their life becomes a \_\_\_\_\_ thank you note to Jesus.
- D. Is committed to \_\_\_\_\_—a person who knows they need forgiveness and then experiences that forgiveness sees service and ministry as a joyous opportunity, not as an \_\_\_\_\_ duty or obligation.

### Your story really does matter to *Jesus*:

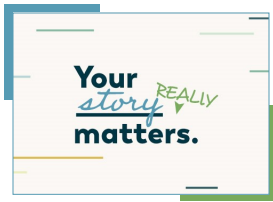
- This woman was \_\_\_\_\_ by Jesus' love and forgiveness, which she received by faith (note [Luke 7:50](#)).
- Faith was the foundation of her new life, but \_\_\_\_\_ was the evidence of her forgiveness (note [Luke 7:47](#)).
- When it comes to our lives, actions, and attitudes, what \_\_\_\_\_ is there that we know and have experienced Jesus' love and forgiveness?
- Our \_\_\_\_\_ for Jesus is the evidence of how much we know, depend on, and appreciate Jesus' forgiveness.
- What do our lives show?

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey!  
Let us know, too, and fill out our connect card (digital\* or in person).

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**SMALL GROUP**  
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# “Party Crasher”

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## MESSAGE NOTES

What did Jesus have to say to ordinary people like you and me?

What did He do in people’s lives?

Note [Luke 7:36-38](#)

The conversation that unfolds (in a way Simon never anticipated) shows us how different forgiveness can look in people’s lives depending on their self-awareness.

## 1. A Person Who Does Not Realize How Much They Need Forgiveness...

- A. Has a critical spirit (note [Luke 7:39](#)) - this meal Jesus was invited to wasn’t a private dinner. Instead of telling this woman to leave...Simon saw an opportunity to make Jesus look foolish...A person who is or becomes unaware of their own spiritual poverty can be in the presence of Jesus and yet fail to understand the reality of His love and forgiveness. A judgmental attitude and sense of superiority towards others commonly affects people who don’t appreciate how desperate their own need of forgiveness is.
- B. Resists spiritual truth—...nothing is hidden from Jesus (note [Luke 7:40-47](#)). A person who has forgotten or is unaware of how much they need forgiveness is often blinded to the spiritual truth that they need to understand and accept.

## 2. A Person Who Does Realize How Much They Need Forgiveness...

- A. Is courageously humble (note [Luke 7:37-38](#)) - This woman...needed a humble heart to go to Jesus as the stares and whispers of the guests and spectators rained down upon her.
- B. Is genuinely repentant (note [Luke 7:38](#)) - her actions indicate that Jesus had turned this woman from her sinful life.
- C. Is overflowing with gratitude (note [Luke 7:44-46](#)) - when a person knows they need forgiveness and then experiences that forgiveness, their life becomes a living thank you note to Jesus.
- D. Is committed to servicing—a person who knows they need forgiveness and then experiences that forgiveness sees service and ministry as a joyous opportunity, not as an onerous duty or obligation.

### Your story really does matter to Jesus:

- This woman was transformed by Jesus’ love and forgiveness, which she received by faith (note [Luke 7:50](#)).
- Faith was the foundation of her new life, but love was the evidence of her forgiveness (note [Luke 7:47](#)).
- When it comes to our lives, actions, and attitudes, what evidence is there that we know and have experienced Jesus’ love and forgiveness?
- Our love for Jesus is the evidence of how much we know, depend on, and appreciate Jesus’ forgiveness.
- What do our lives show?

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