

Life Group Homework

What insight, observation, or principle did you find eye-opening, helpful, or troubling?

agree/disagree

Everything Jesus did was 'evangelism'—eating meals, teaching, healing—he was always proclaiming good news.

1. Who did Jesus eat with in each of these instances?

Luke 5:29-32

Luke 11:37

Luke 14:1

2. How accurate is it to say that your love for Jesus is a measure of how much you think you've been forgiven? (from 1 to 10)

(not at all) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 (totally)

3. Read 1 John 3:1-3 and 1 John 4:10-12. In what ways has God shown his love to us and how do we show our love to Him?

4. In a hymnal or Google, find lyrics to the hymn "At The Cross" by Isaac Watts. What is your favorite phrase and why?

Spiritual Formation Engagement: Giving

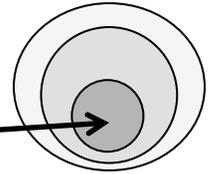
Luke 7:36-50

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BIG IDEA—Those who have been forgiven much, love much.

A story within a story within a story

Luke tells a story of Jesus at a meal
Jesus tells a story of forgiveness and love
Jesus gives the woman a new story



1. Luke tells a story of Jesus at a meal (Luke 7:36-39)

- The setting, people, and **tension**
- Dinner with Jesus was never **boring** or predictable
- Simon's thoughts are **heard** loud and clear

2. Jesus tells a story of forgiveness and love (Luke 7:40-43)

- The difference in the **amount** of debt
- The **same** forgiveness extended to both
- The different responses of loving **gratitude**

3. Jesus gives the woman a new story (Luke 7:44-50)

- Jesus turned toward the woman but spoke to Simon
- Jesus asked Simon if he **sees** the woman
- Jesus said Simon made many **mistakes**
- Jesus said the woman had **many** sins
- Jesus said she was forgiven much and she loved much
- Jesus' love for the woman **and** Simon is central
- Her faith **secured** her salvation; her love showed it
- Jesus sends her **into** peace (understatement)

The glory of the grace of God is seen in His Son's love for sinners and in the saved sinners love of His Son.