

Growth Group Questions | 5.10.2026

The Testimony of a Transformed Heart

Read Luke 7:36-50

Select among the following questions those most helpful to you:

1. What contrasts do you see between Simon the Pharisee and the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50? How does Luke intentionally highlight these differences to make his point?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus points out Simon's lack of basic hospitality (vv. 44-46)? What does this reveal about Simon's heart toward Jesus?
3. In verses 47-48, what is the relationship between forgiveness and love? Does Jesus teach that love earns forgiveness, or that love flows from it? How can we be sure?
4. Why is it important that the woman's sins "have been and still are forgiven" (perfect tense)? How does that shape our understanding of her actions in this passage?
5. How does Jesus' knowledge of Simon's thoughts (v. 40) contribute to Luke's overall message about who Jesus is? What does this reveal about His identity?
6. How does this passage connect with other Scriptures about salvation by grace through faith (e.g., Ephesians 2:8-9)? Where do you see that clearly illustrated in this account?

7. Compare this account with the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14). What similar themes about humility, sin, and justification emerge?
8. Jesus says, "he who is forgiven little, loves little." In your own life, where might a lack of love for Christ reveal a diminished awareness of your sin?
9. What are practical ways we might unintentionally act like Simon—externally close to Jesus, but internally distant or cold? How can we guard against that in our daily walk?
10. The sermon emphasized loving "the feet of Jesus" today through His church. What does it look like, concretely, for you to express sacrificial, grateful love toward other believers this week?