



## **Discipleship Resource**

**“An Expression of Love”**

**Luke 7:36-50**

### **Scripture Memory**

*<sup>9</sup> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins  
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

### **Sermon Summary**

According to Luke 7:36-50, we grow in our love for Jesus when we know how greatly we are forgiven by Jesus. This is what the woman knew but this is what Simon the Pharisee failed to see. Knowing her need for forgiveness, the woman was freed from the shame of sin and freed from the fear of others. Tragically, failing to see his need for forgiveness, Simon’s self-righteousness caused him to only see the worst in others but failed to see the worst in himself.

### **Discussion Guide**

- How does it move you to know that in Christ you are not the sum total of your sins?
- As a disciple, where do you need help remembering that you are forgiven in Christ?
- Like the woman, where can you express your love for Christ because of his love for you?
- Like Simon, where are you tempted to lean on the attitude or actions of self-righteousness?

### **Prayer Guide**

- As a disciple, praise God that He freely offers us forgiveness through His Son, Jesus.
- For your family, pray that humility and not self-righteousness would reign in our homes.
- For our church, pray that we love Jesus greatly because we know we are forgiven greatly.
- For our city, pray that people would hear and receive Jesus’ invitation of forgiveness.
- For our world, pray that the pain and brokenness of the world would be met with the gospel.