



## Things to Talk About and Reflect Upon

*“Forgiven Much?”*

### **Points from Sunday’s Message**

1. Christ has not called me to mere religion, but to more than Pharisaism.
2. The way of Jesus often makes Pharisees uncomfortable.
3. Jesus does not want you to be comfortable in your self-righteous Pharisaism.

### **Key Verse:**

*“Therefore I say to you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.”*

— Luke 7:47

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Whose posture do you most relate to in this story — the sinful woman or Simon the Pharisee?

**Questions:** What attitudes, assumptions, or reactions in your own life reflect either her humility and desperation or Simon’s self-righteous distance from Jesus? What might this reveal about how you currently see yourself before God?

**Further Reading:** Luke 18:9–14 (The Pharisee & the Tax Collector)

2. Jesus says, “Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much.”

**Questions:** How do we reconcile the relationship between her love and her forgiveness? How does true repentance produce genuine worship and devotion rather than just outward behavior?

**Further Reading:** Psalm 51; 2 Corinthians 5:17

**3. Pastor Miles stresses that Jesus did not forgive her *because* of her actions, but that her actions revealed her understanding of forgiveness.**

**Questions:** In your spiritual life, what would it look like for gratitude for forgiveness to shape your worship, prayer, generosity, and relationships more deeply?

**4. Simon failed to see his own debt while clearly seeing the sin of another.**

**Questions:** Where are you most tempted to overlook your own spiritual need while being quick to notice the failures of others? How can reflecting on the “debt” Jesus has forgiven in your life reshape your compassion toward others?

**Further Reading:** Matthew 7:1–5; Romans 5:8

**5. The sermon warns against modern “Pharisaism” — a form of Christianity that feels morally superior and creates an “us vs. them” mentality.**

**Questions:** Where do you see this tendency in church culture today? How can your group practically model Christ’s love toward those who feel unwanted, judged, or unworthy?

**6. Jesus ends by telling the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.”**

**Question:** How does understanding salvation as an act of grace (not merit) change the way you relate to Jesus personally? What would it look like to live daily from a place of peace rather than performance?

**Further Reading:** Ephesians 2:8–9; Colossians 3:12–14

*Use these blended questions for deeper personal reflection, prayer, or small group discussion.*