

Jesus!

"The Connection between Forgiveness and Love"

Luke 7:36-50

Take a closer look.

I. A TRUE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS WILL INSPIRE _____ OF LOVE.

1. A woman with a bad _____ slipped in while Jesus was reclining at the table in a Pharisee named Simon's house.

2. The woman shed _____ over Jesus' feet, dried them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

II. A TRUE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS WILL CHALLENGE ATTITUDES OF _____.

1. Simon held the woman in _____ and thought Jesus should have recognized what kind of woman she was.

2. Jesus told a short parable to illustrate the _____ between forgiveness and love.

3. The contrast between Simon's actions and those of the woman illustrate the difference between those who feel forgiven of _____ and those who feel forgiven of much.

III. A TRUE EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS CAN COME THROUGH _____ CHRIST.

1. Jesus spoke the word of forgiveness to the woman, based on the _____ she expressed in her actions.

2. This stirred up the other _____ to question Jesus authority to forgive sins.

Take it home (questions for discussion and application).

I. Let's take an honest, personal moment right now. God has poured out His own love toward us, "in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). How should that shape our self-image? How should it shape our view of other people?

II. How did we find that love and forgiveness for ourselves? What did it take to get us there?

III. How is the grace shown to us in Jesus Christ affecting our relationships with others? Can we think of at least one person toward whom we need to point that grace, forgiveness and love? How might we do so?