

# OUTLINE & QUESTIONS

## AN UNINVITED GUEST

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LUKE 7:36-50

1. \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_, but not \_\_\_\_\_

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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**ICEBREAKER:** In Luke 7, Jesus knew what Simon was thinking without Simon saying it out loud. Would you like the ability to know what others are thinking? Why or why not?

1. In Luke 7, the text says the woman “lived a sinful life” and had a reputation that everyone knew about. Simon, on the other hand, appeared respectable on the outside but had heart issues that Jesus pointed out. What do you think is harder to deal with - public failures that everyone can see, or private struggles that you keep hidden? Why?

2. In the story, the woman was “tolerated, but not invited” at the party, while Jesus was “invited, but not understood.” Have you ever felt like you were just being tolerated somewhere, or have you ever invited someone into your life without really understanding who they were? What was that experience like?

3. The sermon makes a distinction between “inviting Jesus into our lives” versus “surrendering to Jesus.” What do you think is the difference? Why might this distinction matter in how we approach faith?

4. Looking at the woman’s actions in Luke 7 - she washed Jesus’ feet with tears, wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and poured perfume on them. What does her behavior tell us about her heart condition?

5. Jesus tells Simon that “whoever has been forgiven little loves little,” but “her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown.” Do you think Jesus is saying the woman was a worse sinner than Simon, or is he making a different point? What’s the relationship between forgiveness and love in this story?

6. The sermon describes Simon as “informed, but not transformed.” He knew about Jesus and even hosted him, but his heart wasn’t changed. What’s the difference between knowing about Jesus intellectually and being transformed by him? How have you seen this difference in your own life or others?

7. Jesus confronted Simon publicly at his own party, which would have been deeply uncomfortable in that culture. Why do you think Jesus chose to address Simon’s attitude so directly? When might direct confrontation actually be an act of love?

8. The pastor suggests that “sin grows best in the dark” and that bringing things into the light of God and with trusted people can be liberating. What makes it so hard to do this? What would help create safe spaces for this kind of honesty?

**PRAYER PROMPT:** The sermon ends with the challenge: “What if the worst thing about you became known?” As you close, pray for each other - that group members would experience the freedom of being fully known and fully loved. Ask God to show each person safe relationships where they can bring struggles into the light, and pray for the courage to take steps toward that kind of vulnerability and healing.