

## Questions, Quotes and Notes

January 8, 2023

Luke 7:36-50:

**Pre-Sermon:** Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. Can you remember the basic topic we've been talking about recently from Luke 7?
2. How would you describe what it means to have a genuine relationship with Jesus?

### Mid-Sermon:

If you asked the Pharisees why they had a problem with Jesus, they would have pointed to Jesus and said it was because he was associating with sinful people, which maybe is why Luke takes a step back in Luke 7:36-50 and looks more carefully at that objection. Because this particular objection gets at the heart of what makes it so difficult for them to submit to Jesus. **And the first thing Luke does is bring up a specific real life example of just how badly the Pharisees were missing it with this objection, and then he gives an explanation why.** But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. How does Luke 7:36-50 connect with Luke 7:18-35? Why does Luke put this story in this particular place? How does it advance his argument?
2. What is the question we are asking as we look at this text?
3. What would have been the reason the Pharisees gave as to why they were rejecting Jesus? Think especially again about the reason they were giving in this context.
4. To us on the surface, this Pharisee looks pretty good at the beginning of this story. But we look a little closer and we see a number of problems. What are some examples of ways this Pharisee was actually insulting Jesus?
5. What do we learn from the fact that Jesus didn't just leave the Pharisee after all these insults?
6. What are some things that make the way the woman was relating to Jesus shocking? How does Jesus explain her actions and what do you think that explanation tells us about what God wants from us?
7. Why does the Pharisee react the way he does to what the woman does? And what does that tell you about the way he thinks about religion?
8. What does the way the Pharisee thinks about religion tell you about the way he thinks about himself?
9. Explain the following quote: Most unbelievers think of their problems as primarily coming from outside of them and of the solution as coming from inside of them. Believers on the other hand see their problems as primarily coming from inside of them and are looking to a solution that is outside of them.
10. Where does a relationship with God start in the minds of religious people? Where does it start for Jesus?
11. What do you need if you are going to see Jesus and have a genuine relationship with Him? What is an essential according to this story?

## Post Sermon:

- Important Cross References and Quotes to think about:
  1. Luke 7:30,31,34
  2. Luke 5:29,30
  3. Luke 15:1,2
  4. “As Jesus entered the house, all the traditional courtesies were omitted. Custom required a kiss of greeting, usually on the face. After the guests were seated on stools around a broad U shaped dining couch...water and olive oil would be brought for the washing of hands and feet. Only then could the grace be offered. Finally the guests would recline on the couch, and the meal would begin.”
  5. “When these common acts of welcome were omitted, Jesus had the full right to say, ‘I see that I am not welcome here!’ and leave, flushed with anger.”
- Application: **We don't want to be hearers of the word only, but doers. Being a doer usually takes thinking, however. Spend some time thinking about how you can apply what you learned today.**
  1. How are you responding to Jesus recently? More like Simon or more like this sinful woman?
  2. Are you content with a formal religion? What could you point to in your life to prove your answer?
  3. What's missing if you aren't filled with love for Jesus? What steps do you think you could take this week to grow in your love for Jesus?
  4. What is there in your life right now that demonstrates your need for a Savior? We typically respond by minimizing those things or not looking at those things because we want to feel self-sufficient and capable. But that will lead us away from Jesus. So how can you lean into the things that prove your need for a Savior and grow in your affection for Jesus as a result?
- How Well Was I Listening Questions: **Here are some questions for your children.**
  1. What was this story about?
  2. What did the Pharisee not do that he should have done? Why was that a big deal?
  3. What was shocking about what the woman did?
  4. Do you think you would have responded more like the Pharisee or the sinful woman?
  5. What did the Pharisee think that Jesus' response to the sinful woman meant about Jesus and why?
  6. What does Jesus say the problem really was?
  7. Do you feel your need for Jesus?