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christian fellowship
A MINISTRY ON THE PRESCOTT TOWN SQUARE

An Alabaster Jar
A Scene of Scandalous Grace
Luke 7:36-48
June 9, 2019
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A Meal with “Holy” Men (v. 36)

Inconsiderate Pharisee, Attentive Sinner (v. 37)

Passionate Worshiper (v. 38)

- Isaiah 6:5
- 2 Corinthians 7:10
- Psalm 32:1-5

Two Kinds of People (v. 39)

- Titus 3:3-7

The Extra Zero (vv. 40-43)

- Psalm 130:3
- Colossians 2:13-14

Do You Even See Her? (vv. 43-46)

Her Many Sins Are Forgiven (vv. 47-48)

- Ephesians 2:8

Turn Around, Surrender

Questions for Reflection and Application

1. In the account, do you tend to identify more with the woman or Simon?

- If the woman, does your sin continue to “haunt” you (Psalm 51:3), your guilt like an unwavering stain? Or have you turned from your sin and received God's forgiveness?

- If Simon, what “types” of people are you likely to unfairly judge? What can you do to join the fatted-calf celebration (see Luke 15:25-32)?

2. Read Psalm 19:12-14 and 1 John 1:8-10. Do you make confession of sin a daily practice? If not, are you willing to commit to this. (A good start would be at bedtime: evaluate your day, asking God to point out any offenses.)

3. Read Romans 8:1-14. Are you more often controlled by your sinful nature or do you find that the Holy Spirit is empowering you to “put to death the deeds of your sinful nature?”

4. Do you think Jesus would be pleased with your worship in gatherings of believers? Would you say it is extravagant or self-conscious—or non-existent?

5. Do you make an effort to worship Christ outside of gatherings? If yes, how so? If not, you might start with the biblical songbook: the Psalms. Here are some to begin praying through and memorizing: Psalm 19, 24, 32-34, 84, 96-104, and 145.