

May 28, 2017
Luke 7:36-50

WHAT MATTERS MOST JESUS ENCOUNTERS A SINFUL WOMAN

I. Introduction: What Matters Most?

Scripture Reminders:

- “Make _____ your **greatest aim**”
1 Corinthians 14:1a(LB)
- Jesus said, “_____ the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength, and _____ your neighbor as yourself. There is **no commandment greater than these.**” Mark 12:30,31
- “The **only thing that counts** is faith expressing itself in _____.” Galatians 5:6b
- “..._____ is the **fulfillment of the law.**” Romans 13:10
- “The **entire law** is summed up in a **single command:** ‘ _____ your neighbor as yourself.’” Galatians 5:14
- “**Above all,** _____ each other deeply...”
1 Peter 4:8
- “...the **greatest** of these is _____.”
1 Corinthians 13:13b

II. Unpacking The Passage:

A. Important Questions For Followers Of Jesus

1. Are You A _____ Or A Critic?
2. Have you grasped that Jesus _____ you?
3. How are you expressing _____ for Jesus?

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Open It

1. In what ways have you been thanked recently?
2. *What limits do most people place on hospitality?
3. In our culture, what sorts of behavior are considered the most shocking?

Explore It

4. Who invited Jesus to dinner? (7:36)
5. What did one woman do when she heard where Jesus was to dine? (7:37-38)
6. *What did the Pharisee say about what the woman did? (7:39)
7. How did Jesus respond to Simon the Pharisee's harsh thoughts? (7:40-43)
8. What did Jesus know about the woman's motivation? (7:41-42)
9. *What did Jesus think of Simon's hospitality? (7:44-46)
10. What contrasting treatment did Jesus mention? (7:44-46)
11. What was the result of the woman's kindness? (7:47-48)
12. *How did the other guests react to Jesus' forgiveness of the woman? (7:49)
13. What did Jesus say to the disapproving guests? (7:50)
14. Why, according to Jesus, was the woman saved? (7:50)
15. What was Jesus' double blessing on the woman? (7:50)

Get It

16. With what character in the story do you most identify?
17. Which of the woman's actions do you find most compelling?
18. *When have you ever felt like Simon or the other guests when confronted with a person of questionable morals?
19. What did Jesus receive from people who had sinned?
20. What were the limits of Jesus' compassion in this story?
21. *What are the limits of Jesus' compassion toward us?
22. Why was it necessary for the guests to ask about Jesus' identity?
23. If you were the woman described in this story, how would the words and touch of Jesus make you feel?

Apply It

24. What can you do to foster your own thankfulness to God this week?
25. *What people do you want to view more with Jesus' eyes?