

The Callous Host

- News had spread about Jesus – Luke 7:16-17
- Luke 7:36
- When _____, Jesus went.

“Normally the host placed his hand on the guest’s shoulder and gave him the kiss of peace. But this was not done for Jesus. Customarily a guest’s sandals were removed and his feet were washed when he entered or while he reclined at the table, thus removing the dust of the street and refreshing him. Jesus’ feet were left embarrassingly dirty. Dinner guests were also anointed with a touch of olive oil. But there was no such kindness for Jesus” (R. Kent Hughes, Luke, p.283).

- Jesus had accepted an invitation into an _____.

The Grateful Woman

- Luke 7:37
- The woman was probably a prostitute.
- Luke 7:38
- If the host would not honor Jesus, she _____!
- This grateful woman is a _____ of devotion and worship for all who follow Jesus.

Two Kinds of People

- Luke 7:41-43
- Romans 3:23

- We owe a debt we can’t pay, and we are _____ conscious of that reality or not.

Evidence of Forgiveness

- Luke 7:44-47
- Love for God and others is the outward _____ of inward forgiveness.
- Luke 7:48-50
- A question for all: Who is this who even forgives sin?

How will you respond to God’s word today?

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever been invited into a situation where you were not welcomed? Describe that experience. How did you feel? How did you respond?
2. Because of her gratitude, the woman
3. Describe your personal journey of becoming conscious of your sin. (Maybe it has been a slow crescendo of growing consciousness. Maybe there was a tipping point.) Put another way, how/when did you become aware of your desperate need for a Savior?
4. Jesus said that the woman’s great love showed she had been forgiven of her many sins. How/when have you witnessed love as evidence that others have experienced forgiveness from Jesus?
5. What captured your attention in this message? How might you respond to that thought or idea?
6. What might God be saying to you?
7. What are you going to do about it?