

# WEEK 4: TO A PROSTITUTE

## GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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main point

What would Jesus say to someone who everyone knows has lived a shameful life, someone who is seen as a prostitute, someone whose parents warn their children about? When at a gathering with religious leaders and "a sinful woman," you may be surprised by what Jesus says about her to the religious leaders.

Lean in

**Have you ever received something extra—more than you paid for?**

break the ice

Look down

Read Luke 7:36-50

look at God's Word

36 Then one of the Pharisees invited him to eat with him. He entered the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 And a woman in the town who was a sinner found out that Jesus was reclining at the table in the Pharisee's house. She brought an alabaster jar of perfume 38 and stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to wash his feet with her tears. She wiped his feet with her hair, kissing them and anointing them with the perfume.

39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "This man, if he were a prophet, would know who and

what kind of woman this is who is touching him—she’s a sinner!”  
40 Jesus replied to him, “Simon, I have something to say to you.”  
He said, “Say it, teacher.”

41 “A creditor had two debtors. One owed five hundred denarii,  
and the other fifty. 42 Since they could not pay it back, he  
graciously forgave them both. So, which of them will love him  
more?”

43 Simon answered, “I suppose the one he forgave more.”  
“You have judged correctly,” he told him. 44 Turning to the  
woman, he said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I entered  
your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she, with her  
tears, has washed my feet and wiped them with her hair. 45 You  
gave me no kiss, but she hasn’t stopped kissing my feet since I  
came in. 46 You didn’t anoint my head with olive oil, but she has  
anointed my feet with perfume. 47 Therefore I tell you, her  
many sins have been forgiven; that’s why she loved much. But  
the one who is forgiven little, loves little.” 48 Then he said to  
her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

49 Those who were at the table with him began to say among  
themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?”

50 And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you. Go in  
peace.”

**What do you observe about the posture of the woman and what do  
you observe about the posture of Simon? How are they different?**

**What is Jesus’ response to both of them?**

Look out

**How do the "Simon's" in our world today miss Jesus?**

identify the

relevance of God's

Word in the world

**What makes people feel like they are on the outside of receiving God's grace?**

Look in

apply God's Word

to your life

**What is the debt that Jesus has already paid that you are holding on to?**

**Where is God calling you to a greater expression of love as a result of the grace He's given you?**