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## Great Forgiveness

Luke 7:36-50

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### Using This Study

#### ❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

#### ❷ EXPLORE His Word

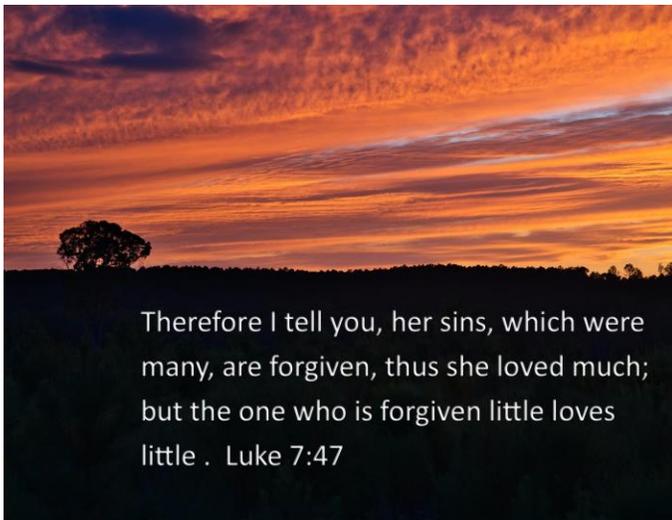
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### ❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will finish chapter 7 of Luke. In this passage Jesus goes to dinner at a pharisee's house. There is a woman there that is weeping at Jesus' feet. The Pharisee believes that Jesus should shun the woman because of her checkered past. However, Jesus welcomes the woman's show of appreciation. Jesus goes on to teach that the person that is forgiven of many sins will appreciate the forgiveness even more than the person forgiven of a little. We must all realize our complete lostness before we can grasp the magnitude of forgiveness Jesus offers. Join us this week as we seek to understand the overwhelming forgiveness we see in Christ.



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## **Luke 7:36-50 NET**

### **Jesus' Anointing**

**36** Now one of the Pharisees asked Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went into the Pharisee's house and took his place at the table. **37** Then when a woman of that town, who was a sinner, learned that Jesus was dining at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfumed oil. **38** As she stood behind him at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. She wiped them with her hair, kissed them, and anointed them with the perfumed oil. **39** Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." **40** So Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." He replied, "Say it, Teacher." **41** "A certain creditor had two debtors; one owed him 500 silver coins, and the other 50. **42** When they could not pay, he canceled the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?" **43** Simon answered, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt canceled." Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." **44** Then, turning toward 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 has wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You gave me no kiss of greeting, but from the time I entered she has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with perfumed oil. **47** Therefore I tell you, her sins, which were many, are forgiven, thus she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little loves little." **48** Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." **49** But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" **50** He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

**o EXAMINE His Word (Observation)** (For personal preparation)

**What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.**

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

**2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation)** (For Community Group discussion)  
**What does God MEAN?**

8. Why is the woman in this passage weeping?

9. Why did the woman kiss and wipe Jesus' feet?

10. Does the Pharisee have less sin than the woman?

11. What has happened early in Chapter 7 that would give the Pharisee an indication that Jesus is the Messiah?

12. What underlying assumptions has the Pharisee made in verse 39?

13. What saves the woman? How do we see this in her?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)  
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. What is Jesus teaching them when He tells the parable of the two people forgiven their debt?

15. Do people with more sin have more ability to love God?

16. What is important for us to know about our sin?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

*Sermon Notes*