



**The Sinful Woman**  
Luke 7:36-50  
April 17th - 23rd, 2016

**Warm Up:** Our *Encounters with Jesus* series continued this week as we looked at two peoples' interactions with Christ at a dinner party. Before diving into the text, share about a recent "encounter with Jesus" you may have had. Perhaps it was a truth from God's Word that struck you deeply, a powerful worship service, or something totally different. What was this encounter like? What did you learn from it?

- ❖ Read **Luke 7:36-39** aloud. We are introduced here to Simon the Pharisee and an unnamed "sinful woman." What do these verses teach us about each person's attitude and heart disposition?
  - Can you see the logic in Simon's thinking from verse 39?
  - What was Simon's conclusion? Why was he wrong?
  
- ❖ Read **Luke 7:40-44** quietly.
  - What do you notice about the way Jesus seems to be speaking to Simon in this encounter?
  - In the story of the moneylender and the two who could not repay the debt, what do you think Jesus' main point is?
  
- ❖ Jesus asked another very important and insightful question to Simon in **verse 44**: Simon, "Do you see this woman?"
  - What did Simon see? What did Jesus see? What's the difference between these two views?
  - Have you ever found yourself looking at someone the way Simon looked at the woman? Why?
  - What begins to change in us when we start looking at people the way Jesus did in this story?
  - What are some practical tips you find helpful in seeking to see people as Jesus sees them?

**Wrap Up:** Read **Luke 7:47-50** aloud. Do you have full assurance that your sins have been forgiven? Knowing that we all have sinned and fallen short (Rom. 3:23), should this not change the way we encounter people?

Close your time by reading **Ephesians 2:8-10** and then go to the Lord together in prayer. Ask God to give you all the same *love, genuine repentance, and devotion* that this woman from Luke 7 so beautifully modeled.