

SCANDAL

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It seems that, with media attention and internet reporting, we are constantly being confronted with scandals. In Jesus's experience, there was a particular moment of scandal in Luke 7 involving a religious leader, considered a man of high character, and a "sinful" woman of bad reputation. But which of them, in this moment, will actually be the scandalous one?



THIS WEEK'S DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Read Luke 7:36–50. Who are the main characters in the story, and how are they identified? What is the event, and where does it take place?
- Focus on the woman's conduct. How would this have been disturbing to the men attending the dinner? By the same token, how would this have been honoring to Jesus?
- Focus on Simon the Pharisee's conduct. How would this have been appropriate to the men attending the dinner? And yet, how would this have been dishonoring to Jesus?
- How does the parable of the two debtors call for a response from Simon? How does he respond?



CHALLENGE

How we view others is also connected to how we view ourselves. Consider the last time you were quick to judge someone and what that reveals of your own heart. If you haven't already, repent for this sinful act and ask God to help you keep your identity in line with His.



COMMIT TO MEMORY

"Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little" (Luke 7:47).



PRAYER

Father, your mercies are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Thank you for forgiving my spiritual indebtedness through the sacrifice of Jesus. May the mercy I have received from you help me to become more merciful in my dealings with others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

