



LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of October 21, 2024

1. What is the most shocking thing you've ever witnessed in-person? A vehicle crash? A house fire? A medical emergency? Someone being fired from a job? A fist-fight in the school cafeteria? Tell the story as you remember it.
2. The most shocking thing happened at a fancy dinner hosted by an upscale Pharisee named Simon in Luke chapter 7. Have someone in your group read Luke 7:36-50.
3. As you digest this dramatic encounter, have your group describe and discuss some of the shocking contrasts you see as it relates to:
 - *The contrast of the two main characters* (Simon and the woman)
 - *The contrast of their actions/behaviors*
 - *The contrast of their attitudes*
 - *The contrast of their loves*
4. Simon couldn't believe that Jesus (supposedly a prophet and holy teacher) would allow a woman like this to touch him in such a manner. When Jesus reads Simon's inner-most thoughts and exposes them with a powerful parable-- what does this reveal about Jesus' true identity?
5. How are some churches today GUILTY of acting like Pharisees toward broken or hurting people? Why is it wrong to say "Come back once you've cleaned up..." instead of "Come on in..." to messed-up people?
6. The woman wasn't saved from her sins by her devotion, actions, or love for Jesus. What saved her according to Jesus' words in verse 50? How does Romans 5:1 and Ephesians 2:8-9 echo this same truth? Who or what are we supposed to put our faith in, in order to secure salvation?
7. What is the connection between forgiveness FROM Jesus and love FOR Jesus? Explain it in your own words. What kind of actions and attitudes should flow from people who have been forgiven?
8. Close your Life Group with a time of group prayer-- giving various individuals the opportunity to express gratitude, thanksgiving, and worship to Jesus for His saving and forgiving grace!

The size of your love for Jesus should match the size of your forgiveness from Jesus.