

More Than a Meal Discussion Guide
I'm Invited? - Lesson 2
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This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share a kind gesture you received that genuinely touched you.

Dive Deeper: Luke 7:36-50

1. Discuss the possible reasons Simon the Pharisee invited Jesus to dinner. What do we learn about Simon's attitude from his thoughts, words, and hospitality?
2. Why would this religious leader think more highly of himself than others? Why is it tempting for believers to look down on the wayward rather than feel their pain? Share a time you found yourself passing judgment on those lost in their sin.
3. Compare the attitude of Jesus toward the sinful woman to that of the Pharisee. Discuss how Jesus demonstrated love to this immoral woman. What practices help believers cultivate love and concern for those struggling in their sin?
4. How worthy did the Pharisee think the immoral woman was of being forgiven? Why would this woman have realized the depth of her sin but the Pharisee didn't? Why are we tempted to look at our righteous acts to define our faith, rather than acknowledging we're drowning in sin and need a Savior?
5. Which actions of the woman do you find most compelling? If you were the woman, how would Jesus' words have touched you? When we give our hearts to God, how is our blessing similar to the sinful woman in Luke 7 verses 48 and 50?
6. Read 1 Peter 4:8, Matthew 6:14-15, Colossians 3:13, and Ephesians 4:31-32. Why can it be difficult to forgive others who have offended us? How can we reflect God in response to those seeking genuine forgiveness?
7. Read Luke 7:41-43 and 47. Discuss what you can do regularly to foster thankfulness to God for the forgiveness of your sin.

Encouragement: I'm invited to have an intimate relationship with Jesus, in spite of my past. And yes, I can experience peace like the sinful woman whom Jesus set free.