

	Luke Account	Other gospels
Timing	1 ½ years before Jesus' death	1 week before Jesus' death
Location	Capernaum	Bethany
Home Owner	Simon "the Pharisee"	Simon "the Leper"
Objector	Simon "the Pharisee"	The disciples (specifically Judas)
Objection	He should know she is a sinner	"Waste of money"
Motivation	Act of confession	"Anointing Jesus for burial"
Result	Jesus forgives her	Judas prompted to betray Jesus

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. What impresses you about the woman in the story?
2. Do you identify with either of the characters?
3. As you perform works of service, do you find yourself working to earn God's love, or do you feel your work is motivated by love for God?
4. Do you love sinners?
5. What lessons do you take from this encounter, and Jesus' teaching?

1. We are introduced to two contrasting characters (36-38)

- a. The Pharisee is highly regarded
- b. The woman is a known sinner
- c. It was the sinner, not the self-righteous that honored Jesus

2. We are presented with a false assumption about Jesus (39)

- a. Simon assumes Jesus despises sinners
- b. Simon also does not see himself as a sinner

3. We are taught: generous forgiveness yields generous love (40-50)

- a. Jesus condemns works instead of faith
- b. Jesus commends faith evidenced by works

"Grace is not opposed to effort, it is opposed to earning"
-Dallas Willard

**"It is not what we've done in our past,
but what we do with Jesus that matters"**