



## Discussion Guide

### *Series: The Bible Recap, Wk2: Invitation to Forgiveness*

January 11, 2026

 Big Idea  
When we underestimate our sin, it reveals the lack of awareness we have of our need for forgiveness.

 Icebreaker  
Looking forward to 2026, in one-word, what kind of year are you looking/hoping for it to be? Why? What may you be able to do (or are already planning to do) in order to see that hope come to fruition?

### Discussion Questions

1. The sermon compares financial debt to spiritual debt. How does that comparison help (or challenge) your understanding of sin, forgiveness, and freedom in your own life?
2. Read Luke 7:36–38. What stands out to you about the woman’s actions toward Jesus? What do her actions reveal about her understanding of who Jesus is and what He has done for her? What would it have taken on her behalf to engage with Jesus in this way? How does that challenge you and your own personal relationship with Jesus?
3. Read Luke 7:39. In what ways do you see (or have you seen) yourself relating more to Simon than the woman? What makes pride and comparison such a subtle but dangerous trap in our spiritual lives? Do you agree with the following statement & why or why not?: *“It is easier for us to have a heart postured in pride like Simon, than it is to humble ourselves and weep at Jesus’ feet.”*
4. Read Luke 7:40–43. Jesus connects the depth of love with the depth of one’s need of forgiveness. How does being aware, or unaware, of our sin shape the way we love Jesus and others? Read Ephesians 1:7. Share initial reactions to this verse.
5. Read Luke 7:44-47. In the sermon it was stated: *“The depth of your love for Jesus is connected to the depth of your awareness of His forgiveness.”* What practices or habits help you stay aware of God’s grace rather than drifting into self-righteousness?
6. Fill in the following blanks from a statement within the sermon: *“F\_\_\_\_\_ comes through f\_\_\_\_\_ness and f\_\_\_\_\_ness comes through Jesus.”* Whether you relate more to Simon or the woman right now, what is one concrete step you can take this week to respond to Jesus, either through humility and repentance or through bold, grateful worship or is there another way in which you could?

### Concluding Question

What spoke to you from this past week’s reading plan readings and video teachings? What is a way in which you will respond to these readings/realizations?

### Prayer

January can be a stressful time for people/families. This can be due to extra expenses in WNY in the midst of winter; bills coming due from the Christmas season; seasonal depression as winter drags on; etc.. Pray in general over your neighborhood, community, WNY region for God’s ministry regarding all of this.