

1 The woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears was a known sinner with a reputation that preceded her.

♥ How can one's past and reputation keep them from seeking Jesus?

⚙️ How does remembering Jesus' posture towards sinners and sufferers affect how you come to Jesus for forgiveness?

2 There is a theme of "seeing" in this passage. Look back over the text. What does the text point out that Simon, Jesus, and the woman each see?

♥ In what ways are you tempted to improperly see yourself in relation to your sin?

⚙️ How do you see other people, both known and unknown, who interact with your life story?

📖 Read Matthew 18:21-35. Jesus teaches that forgiven people extend forgiveness to others. How should these two parables of forgiveness impact your treatment of others?

🗣️ How can your group pray for you as you seek to extend mercy and forgiveness to others?

3 **How does the first half of Luke 7:42 inform our attempts to earn forgiveness?** In what ways have you tried to earn forgiveness in the past or are currently trying to earn forgiveness?

4 **Forgiveness is always costly.** In the parable, we hear briefly of a moneylender who forgives two debts totaling almost \$100,000 in current day figures!

⚙️ Consider the cost for Jesus to forgive this one very sinful woman. Discuss the following costs for Jesus to forgive all those who come to Him in repentance...

♥️ *Physical cost*

♥️ *Theological cost*

♥️ *Relational cost*

5 **The forgiven woman shows great gratitude and love.** What is one step you might take to cultivate a heart of gratitude to God this week? How can you tangibly display that gratitude in your relationship with Him and others?

PRAYER POINTS

- *Pray that you would accurately calculate and more fully understand your debt before God.*
- *Ask God to grow your understanding of the prerequisites for forgiveness.*
- *Praise the Lord for the forgiveness offered through Jesus Christ.*
- *Ask the Lord to motivate the way you act and interact with people by the truths of His forgiveness of you.*