

“He who is forgiven much, loves much.”

From the series on the Gospel of Luke entitled “the red letters”
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In a large group...

1. What does forgiveness mean to you?

In small groups (4-6)...

Observation

2. Read Luke 7:36-50. List the cast of characters (and any of their descriptions) in this passage.
3. What are the main elements of the Jesus’ story of the moneylender? Who is involved? What do they owe? What is different between them? What is the same?

Interpretation

4. What does Jesus expect of people?

Application

5. Does your “wasteful worship” and “personal compassion” reveal a deep understanding of your own forgiveness? Are there specific relationships where it is difficult to be compassionate and loving?
6. What is lacking? Do you find you compare yourself to others? Is it an attempt to find a secure identity or a sense of right-ness?
7. How can you grow in understanding your forgiveness?

Prayer: Read Titus 3:1-8 and let it be a guide to pray for the person on your left.

“...the Lord’s first concern is with our position at His feet and our anointing of His head. Whatever we have as an ‘alabaster box’: the most precious thing, the thing dearest in the world to us—yes, let me say it, the outflow from us of a life that is produced by the very Cross itself—we give that all up to the Lord. To some, even of those who should understand, it seems a waste; but that is what He seeks above all. Often enough the giving to Him will be in tireless service, but He reserves to Himself the right to suspend the service for a time in order to discover to us whether it is that or Himself that holds us”— Watchman Nee

To see the law by Christ fulfilled
And hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice. – William Cowper