## Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman - Luke 7:36-50

Topics: Forgiveness, Hospitality, Judging Others, Love, Salvation, Sin, Thankfulness

### **Open It**

- 1. In what ways have you been thanked recently?
- \* 2. What limits do most people place on hospitality?
  - 3. In our culture, what sorts of behavior are considered the most shocking?

#### **Explore It**

- 4. Who invited Jesus to dinner? (7:36)
- 5. What did one woman do when she heard where Jesus was to dine? (7:37-38)
- \* 6. What did the Pharisee say about what the woman did? (7:39)
  - 7. How did Jesus respond to Simon the Pharisee's harsh thoughts? (7:40-43)
  - 8. What did Jesus know about the woman's motivation? (7:41-42)
- \* 9. What did Jesus think of Simon's hospitality? (7:44-46)
  - 10. What contrasting treatment did Jesus mention? (7:44-46)
  - 11. What was the result of the woman's kindness? (7:47-48)
- \* 12. How did the other guests react to Jesus' forgiveness of the woman? (7:49)
  - 13. What did Jesus say to the disapproving guests? (7:50)
  - 14. Why, according to Jesus, was the woman saved? (7:50)
  - 15. What was Jesus' double blessing on the woman? (7:50)

#### Get It

- 16. With what character in the story do you most identify?
- 17. Which of the woman's actions do you find most compelling?
- \* 18. When have you ever felt like Simon or the other guests when confronted with a person of questionable morals?
  - 19. What did Jesus receive from people who had sinned?
  - 20. What were the limits of Jesus' compassion in this story?
- \* 21. What are the limits of Jesus' compassion toward us?
  - 22. Why was it necessary for the guests to ask about Jesus' identity?
  - 23. If you were the woman described in this story, how would the words and touch of Jesus make you feel?

# **Apply It**

- 24. What can you do to foster your own thankfulness to God this week?
- \* 25. What people do you want to view more with Jesus' eyes?