



### **QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION** (Pg 1)

(Group leaders pick 4-5 questions to discuss as time permits)

Who do you have in your life that asks you thought provoking questions?  
What have they asked you in the past?

Read Luke 7:36-50. What observations do you make regarding the context in which this event occurs?

What thoughts/dilemmas does Jesus' question in Luke 7:44 pose for you?

Do you agree with the statement, "We all need to be seen?" Why/why not?  
In what ways have you observed people demonstrating the need to be seen? For those who have children: In what ways have you seen your kids manifest the need to be seen?

Read Luke 7:39. What does Simon's assumption about Jesus tell you about him or his perspective of righteousness? What do you think Christians can learn from this?

In your opinion, how does the fact that the woman is from the same town (v.37) as the party tell you about the situation?

How does it affect the scenario that Jesus acknowledges a woman's presence at a dinner for Pharisees? In what ways does this break convention of the day? What can the church today learn from this part of the story?



### QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION (Pg 2)

In your opinion, what makes it difficult for us to “see” people today?

What do these verses say about Jesus’ ability to see people? Luke 8:37; Matt 9:36; Luke 15:20

How does it affect you to know that Jesus sees you?

Do you think the fact that the perfume the woman pours on Jesus feet was likely earned illicitly, has a bearing on the acceptability of her worship? Do you think the church should deny any offering earned through illegal or illicit activity?

Read Philippians 2:4. In what ways are Christians called to see the world as God does? What can we do to increase our ability to see?

Consider each point & verses found in the outline and ask the following questions of the group:

1. How are you encouraged by this?
  2. How does this challenge you personally?
  3. In what ways do you disagree?
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### **Guide - QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED: *Do you see this woman?***

**Luke 7:44**

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The gospels record Jesus asking 307 questions. In contrast, he is only asked 183 questions. And, depending on which scholar you ask, Jesus only directly answered 3, or 8 of those.

The first words of Jesus recorded in the gospels is a question posed to his parents who are frantically searching for him as a preteen. After discovering he is MIA as they travel, they find him at the Temple teaching grown and sophisticated adults. When they express their anxiety to about having “lost” him, he replies with two back-to-back questions (Lu 2:49): (1) “Why were you searching for me?” And, (2) “Didn’t you know I had to be in my Father’s house?” Far at the other end of his life, Jesus’ final words on the cross also posed a question, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? (Matt 27:46).

Perhaps then, in considering our personal discipleship we should focus a little less on having the right answers, and a little more on asking the right questions. What do you think?

### **OUTLINE & SCRIPTURES**

#### **“Do you see this woman?”**

Luke 7:36-50

- 1. We all need to be seen.**  
John 3:16; Jer 29:11; Phil 4:13; Ro 8:28; Ps 23:4 (inferred)
- 2. Seeing others is difficult.**  
Luke 7:39
- 3. Jesus sees.**  
Luke 7:44; 8:37; 15:20; Mt 9:36; 14:14; Mark 6:34
- 4. We are called to see.**  
Luke 7:44, 47-50; Php 2:4