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Part 6: Parable Of The Canceled Debt

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³⁶ “When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee’s house and reclined at the table. ³⁷ A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸ As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them. ³⁹ When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.” ⁴⁰ Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.” “Tell me, teacher,” he said. ⁴¹ “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?” ⁴³ Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.” “You have judged correctly,” Jesus said. ⁴⁴ Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.” ⁴⁸ Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.” ⁴⁹ The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?” ⁵⁰ Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 7:36-50

The Characters

The Big Debtor:

The Little Debtor:

The Money Lender:

Three Lessons to Learn

1. Forgiveness is _____ and _____
2. Forgiveness is the _____ not the _____ of love.
3. Forgiveness _____ a _____ and _____

Memory Verse

“as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”
Psalm 103:12

MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior for the first time
- Memorize Psalm 103:12
- Ask God to help me love Him more by showing me how greatly I’ve been forgiven
- Ask God to help me to see and treat His family like He does
- Respond to God with loving thankfulness this week by:



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Discussion Questions - Week #9

LIFEGROUPS

QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend “Parable of The Canceled Debt,” in a sentence or two summarize the main point.

Looking back at your notes, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

GETTING STARTED

1. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, share with your group your favorite Thanksgiving food or tradition and what your plans are for the upcoming holiday?

2. The central theme of the parable we looked at this weekend was forgiveness. Do you find it more difficult to ask for forgiveness or extend forgiveness?

DIGGING DEEPER

3. Read Psalm 51:1-13. What do the notes at the beginning of the Psalm tell us about the context in which David was writing?

What does David's prayer teach us about God and forgiveness?

Is cleansing us from sin different than creating in us a pure heart (v.10)?

Is David's response similar to or different from how you usually deal with sin?

Do you think praying this psalm regularly would make a difference in your life?

4. Read John 8:1-11. What do you think is the primary lesson in this passage and why?

Do you think Jesus' words in verse 7 ought to prevent us from confronting those living in sin? Why or why not?

Read John 1:14-17. How does Jesus' response demonstrate an emphasis on both grace and truth?

What do these two passages teach us about how to engage with others in a discussion about their sin?

Do you think it matters if they are a believer or non-believer?

5. Read 1 Timothy 1:12-17. What stands out to you in this passage and why?

How does this passage challenge or comfort you?

Why do you think Paul claims that he is the worst of sinners?

What is the example that Paul sets for others?

What are the practical lessons that you can apply from this passage?

TAKING IT HOME

6. What steps can you take this week to grow in understanding your own forgiveness, so that you can come to love God more?

7. How can the group be praying for you to love God with the passion and abandon that the woman demonstrated in the parable this weekend?

PRAYER REQUESTS