The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 13

Luke 7:24-50

Introduction and Background

In the first half of this lesson, Jesus discusses John the Baptist with the crowds. He reminds them that John was a messenger who came to prepare the way for Jesus. Then Jesus is invited to a Pharisee's house for a meal. To everyone's amazement, a woman enters and anoints Jesus with oil. Jesus uses the opportunity to teach an important lesson.

Read <u>Luke 7:24-50</u>

Read <u>Luke 7:24-35</u> Jesus & John the Baptist

- 1. After John the Baptist's disciples leave, who does Jesus begin talking about? (24-28)
- 2. How does Jesus describe John the Baptist? (24-28)
- 3. What was the difference between the tax collectors and Pharisees? (29-30)
- 4. To whom does Jesus compare "the people of this generation? (31-32)
- 5. What was the difference between John the Baptist and Jesus? (6-8)
- 6. What was Jesus' response and what did He do? (9-10)
- 7. What do you think is the point of Jesus comparing Himself with John the Baptist? Do you think that people behave like the Pharisees today?

Read Luke 7:36-50 The Woman at Simon the Pharisee's House

- **8.** Does it surprise you that one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to his home for a meal? (36)
- **9.** What type of woman came to the house and what did she bring? (37)
- **10.** Describe what the woman did. Why do you think she did that? (38)
- 11. What was the reaction of Simon the Pharisee? (39-40)
- 12. Describe the story that Jesus told in your own words (41-42)
- **13.** What do you think was the main point of the story? (43)
- 14. Had Simon the Pharisee and the woman reacted differently to Jesus? How? (44-46)
- **15.** What did Jesus tell the woman and what did the others think? (47-48)
- **16.** Why do you think that Jesus forgave the woman for her sins?

Chat about these words from the passage and how you might use them in daily life:

reed/swayed/public square/glutton/drunkard/immoral/alabaster/courtesy/rare/

Synonym Match (The words on the left are from the passage)

| sway | alcoholic |
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| reject | bend |
| drunkard | shameless |
| immoral | abolished |
| canceled | turn down |

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For Discussion:

What is the most important lesson you think you have learned today? What does this tell us about how Jesus compares pride and humility?

True and False

- a. Jesus thought that John the Baptist was a prophet.
- b. A Pharisee named Simon invited Jesus to dinner.
- c. A woman washed kissed Jesus' feet and wiped them with her hair.
- d. Jesus said that the woman's sins were forgiven.

For Discussion:

What is the most important lesson you think you have learned today? How might it change the way you think and act?

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For Further Reading:

The Centurion: Faith that Made Jesus Marvel

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