



Sunday 19th April 2026
Luke 7:36-50 – Debt free!

A tale of two sinners (v.36-40)

A great debt has been paid (v.41-43)

A lover's response to forgiveness (v.44-50)

Questions to discuss in our Growth Groups and personal reflection

Read Luke 7:36-50

A tale of two sinners (v.36-40)

Given that Jesus had already been written off by many of the religious leaders, why do you think Simon the Pharisee invited him for dinner?

Why did the woman's act towards Jesus provoke such a strong response from Simon?

Who were the sinners in the story?

Do we tend to put people into categories? What category are you in?

A great debt has been paid (v.41-43)

What is a parable? Why do you think Jesus told Simon a parable here? What did he want to teach him?

What does this parable tell us about:

- Our position before God?
- God's power and mercy?

Why is the illustration of debt such a helpful one for us to grasp this message?

A lover's response to forgiveness (v.44-50)

What did the woman do for Jesus that Simon as the host had failed to do (v.44-46)?

How did Jesus explain the significance of this (v.47)?

Do our lives reflect more of Simon's coolness towards Jesus or the woman's thankful love?

What might our lives look like if we poured out our oil of love on Jesus?