

What if we could step back in time and uncover the headlines about Jesus—His teachings, miracles, and lifechanging impact? "Knowing Jesus" takes us through the Gospel of Luke like a historical archive, revealing the truth of who Jesus is and what He came to do. Each week, we'll explore His story, moving beyond familiarity into a deeper understanding of the Savior who lived, loved, and gave His life for us all.

Forgiven and Free – February 9, 2025

- 1. **Exploring Labels and Grace:** How do we tend to label people based on their past actions or reputations? **Read Luke 7:36-39** and discuss how Jesus viewed the woman compared to how Simon the Pharisee viewed her. What does this tell us about God's grace?
- 2. **The Power of Forgiveness:** In what ways can we see that forgiveness isn't just a one-time act, but something that transforms our hearts? Read **Luke 7:47-50** and discuss how the woman's actions of devotion reflect the love and forgiveness she received from Jesus.
- 3. Judging Others: Why do you think Simon was so quick to judge both the woman and Jesus? **Read Luke 7:39**. How do we sometimes do the same—judging people based on their appearances or past mistakes?
- 4. **The Role of Self-Righteousness:** What does Jesus' response to Simon in **Luke 7:40-44** reveal about the dangers of self-righteousness? How can we guard against developing a "Simon" mindset in our own lives?
- 5. **Grace and Transformation:** Reflect on how Jesus treated the woman with compassion and grace, even though she was seen as unworthy by society. How do we respond to grace in our own lives? **Read Ephesians 1:7**. How does this verse help us understand God's grace?
- 6. **True Worship:** Jesus contrasts the woman's extravagant act of worship with Simon's lack of hospitality (Luke 7:44-46). How do our actions and attitudes toward Jesus reflect our understanding of His grace? What does true worship look like in your life?
- 7. **Seeing with Jesus' Eyes:** Jesus asks Simon, "Do you see this woman?" (Luke 7:44). What does it mean to "see" people the way Jesus sees them, beyond their labels or past mistakes? How can we practice seeing others with this kind of grace and compassion in our daily interactions?