

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

For the week of September 12-18, 2021

## “LIVING BY GRACE”

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### GETTING STARTED

*To the facilitator: Use this section to introduce the topic. If possible, give a brief recap of the sermon.*

Share a memorable point, a spiritual lesson, a personal application, a question, or something that challenged you from the sermon last Sunday.

Read Luke 7:36-50. Pretend you are in the banquet with a friend. Share what you might be whispering to one another as the story unfolds.

### GROUP DISCUSSION

1. In verses 36-39, how was the woman described? What different emotions does she express? What risk did she take in coming to the house of Simon? What do you think would motivate her to crash a dinner party and serve Jesus by washing his feet with expensive perfume?
2. What might we learn here about approaching Jesus? How might our worship be different if we were more concerned about honoring Jesus than we were about the what others think?
3. How does Simon react to the uninvited guest? What do you think was Simon's concern/motivation for inviting Jesus to dinner? How had he misunderstood the nature of Jesus' ministry?
4. Jesus responds to Simon with a story. What are the facts of the story? What point(s) do you think is Jesus driving at? When Simon didn't offer Jesus the common courtesy of a kiss, water for his feet and oil for his head, what does this tells you about Simon?
5. In verse 50, Jesus says that the woman's faith has saved her; yet faith was not explicitly mentioned before. How have her actions throughout the story demonstrated faith?
6. In what way do you relate to the woman? To Simon?

7. What do you think would it look like for us to be a “NO PERFECT PEOPLE ALLOWED” kind of church?

### 8. NEXT STEPS

*We ought to be a church where people find the God of grace and the grace of God.*

- I will receive the grace of God by surrendering my life to Jesus and accepting his sacrifice on the cross as payment for my sins.
- I will not be callous about my sin.
- I will live and depend on the grace of God for my life.
- I will strive, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to show grace to others both to the believers and unbelievers.

*Don't forget to:*

- Go through the devotionals everyday this week.
- Have a regular daily time of prayer and reading of God's Word.
- Commit 30 minutes a day for God's intervention in this fight against the COVID virus.

### CLOSING THE SESSION.

Close the session by taking the time to pray for one another. Consider the following as you pray:

- Pray that you will genuinely live by grace – accepting and appropriating grace in your own life as well as demonstrating it to others.
- Take the time to pray for our nation, for peace and for the gospel to prosper during this time of the pandemic.
- Pray for those who are hurting, going through fear, worry and anxiety in the group.
- Pray for your unsaved family, friends and loved ones.

### BIBLE READING SCHEDULE.

September 13. Luke 7:36-50

September 14. Acts 9:1-19

September 15. Isaiah 43:1-7

September 16. Matthew 5:21-48

September 17. Psalm 34

September 18. Matthew 18:21-35

September 19. Acts 15:36-41