

FORGIVENESS AND LOVE

Luke 7:36-50

Oakridge Community Church

Questions for Consideration and Discussion

Introduction:

1. Matthew 22:34-38
2. Isaiah 6:3; 1 John 3:3; Deut. 32:4; Romans 11:33; Psalm 86:15
3. Deuteronomy 32:4; Psalm 119:160; Romans 12:2

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- I. **OUR SIN MADE US ALL DEBTORS** 7:41-42a

- II. **WE ARE TOTALLY INCAPABLE OF PAYING OUR DEBT OF SIN**

- III. **ONLY BY THE GRACE OF GOD CAN OUR SIN DEBT BE FORGIVEN**
 - A. Jesus' story
 1. The debt was canceled at no cost to the debtors
 2. The debt was paid in full at the lender's expense
 - B. Jesus' point
 1. Forgiveness is free to the sinner
 2. Forgiveness is infinitely expensive for God
 - C. Jesus' questions
 1. Which of them will love him more? 7:42
 2. Do you see this woman? 7:44-46

1. What do you see as your primary responsibility in life? What helps you to fulfill that responsibility? What hinders you from fulfilling that responsibility?

2. Do you view God as lovable? Why or why not?

3. What is the connection between a sense of having been forgiven and the ability to love the Lord unreservedly? In what ways does a sense of guilt hinder one's ability to love?

4. Why did Jesus describe sin as indebtedness? With which debtor in Jesus' story do you most readily identify?

5. What efforts have you made to repay your debt of sin to God? Have you been able to do so? Describe the time when you first realized the horribleness and greatness of your sin. How did that impact you?

6. Who pays a canceled debt? How does this relate to forgiven sin? In what ways should this affect our view of God?

7. How does Jesus' teaching in Luke 7:36-50 move you?

Conclusion: Have I experienced God's forgiveness?

1. Psalm 119:97
2. John 14:15
3. 1 John 4:21
4. 1 Peter 2:9