

STUDY GUIDE | SERMON: JUNE 14, 2020

LOVE REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH

The points from last week's message were:

- The Pharisee keeps Jesus at a distance while the woman comes to him with her whole being.
- The Pharisee is judgemental while the woman is humble.
- The Pharisee is blind to his own depravity while the woman recognizes her sinfulness.
- *You are more wicked than you ever dared believe and yet in Christ, more loved than you ever dared hope.* (Tim Keller)
- If you want to love like Jesus, you can't limit the people you love

LET'S TALK

1. What impacted you most from this week's message?
2. Have you found it easier to find fault with others these days?
Why do you think it's harder to be loving when things don't go the way you planned?
3. Read Luke 7:36-39. Do you relate more to the Pharisee or to the woman in the story?
4. Jesus said that the woman loved much because she was forgiven much. She recognized the great debt she owed and her gratefulness over her debt being cancelled caused her to love so extravagantly.

How does her extravagant love inspire you?

5. In his message Pastor Jeremy says, "You can't judge someone and love them at the same time."
Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?
6. It's hard to love others when they've hurt you or wronged you because it's not fair – they don't deserve your love. But Jesus loved us while we were still sinners (Rom 5:8). By definition, grace isn't fair and it doesn't make sense.

Why do you think "grace" is so difficult for people to comprehend?

7. God calls us to love others not according to what they've done to you but according to what Jesus has done for you. Pastor Jeremy closes his message with this statement:

Can we all agree this week to give a little grace? To show a little mercy? To forgive someone who's wronged you and love them anyway?

Who is one person God might be challenging you to love this week?

LET'S PRAY

Spend some time in prayer (for each other, for our community and for the world).