

Youth At-Home Sunday School

As we journey through Luke's Gospel (high schoolers) and John's Gospel (middle schoolers), our hope is that you will come to know and love Jesus more! Remember that John was writing an eyewitness account as one of the disciples and Luke "carefully investigated" what the other eyewitnesses had said (Luke 1:2-3). So these Gospels give us the true, historical account of what Jesus really said and did.

High School

If you haven't already, begin by watching [the Gospel Project's Luke overview](#) (watch to 1:30 if you don't want to view the whole thing). You can also [check out their video on Luke 3-9](#), which will help to orient you in the chapters we're studying over the next few weeks.

Then I encourage you to return to the questions we addressed last Tuesday night. **Read Luke 7:36-50** and take time to journal about the questions below and/or to talk them over as a family.

Journal Questions:

Observe: What do we know about the woman in this story?

What did this woman do for Jesus? How did people react?

What did Jesus do for her? How did people react?

Interpret: Why do you think Simon found this woman's actions so scandalous?

What did her actions symbolize?

What do you think Jesus meant to convey by his short parable?

What do you think Jesus meant when he said that whoever is forgiven little loves little?

Apply: Do you relate more to the woman or to Simon in this story? Why?

How does the woman inspire you to respond, change, or grow in your relationship with Jesus?

Closing Thoughts

This passage shows how the people who think they have it all together might actually end up missing Jesus. On the other hand, the woman in this story understood the reality of her sin, so she responded with a costly act. We should never imagine that our sin is small! In fact, all sin is great because it is against a holy and perfect God. When we realize how much we have been forgiven, we are able to truly love God and others.

The faith to which God calls us is so different than our human religion, with all its rules and regulations. True faith in Jesus is rooted in **knowing** a person and **worshipping** him for the debt he has paid for us on the cross. Jesus fulfilled what God had promised through the prophet Jeremiah:

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the Lord: "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31:33-34)

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Middle School

If you haven't already, watch [the Gospel Project's overview of the Gospel of John](#) (you can just watch until 1:27 if you don't want to watch the whole video).

Then I encourage you to return to the questions we addressed on Wednesday night. **Read John 14:1-31**, and take time to journal about the questions below and/or to talk them over as a family.

Journal Questions:

A. WHAT?

- 1) What do you remember about our study of the Last Supper from last week? Why might the disciples be troubled (v. 1)?
- 2) Where is Jesus going, and for what purpose (vv. 2-3)?
- 3) What does Jesus say those who believe in him will do (v. 12)?
- 4) What promise does Jesus give the disciples? What hope will they have when Jesus goes away (vv. 25-31)?

B. SO WHAT?

- 1) How does Jesus answer Philip when he asks to see God the Father (vv. 9-11)? What is Jesus saying about his relationship with the Father?
- 2) What does it mean that Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no one comes to the Father except through him?
- 3) How does Jesus describe this Spirit (v. 26)?
- 4) Why do you think that Jesus chose these words in particular to share with his friends on the night before he would be killed?

C. NOW WHAT?

- 1) What role in His mission do you think Jesus is calling you to play? How might you use your strengths to lift Him up?
- 2) What gifts and strengths do you see in the other members of your group that God can use for His kingdom? Name them and encourage one another!

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Jesus knew that His followers would be scared when He left them. He comforted them by telling them that He was going to prepare a room for all of His followers in the Father's house, heaven. He is the way to the Father. He also comforted His friends by promising them that He would send the Holy Spirit to help, guide, and comfort the disciples while Jesus is in heaven, and the Holy Spirit would dwell in the hearts of those who know the Father.

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