

## Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide: Luke, part 13, March 31, 2019

1. Read Luke 7:36-50 (Christian Standard Bible)

2. What are some ways that we try to measure the effectiveness of the Christian faith?

God measures it by \_\_\_\_\_ . What's the difference?

3. Describe a Pharisee.

4. Read Luke 7:38.

The woman had a changed life. What was some of the evidence of her changed life?

5. Read Luke 7:39. This Pharisee had a critical spirit. Pride and self-righteousness can make us "spiritually deaf and blind. It keeps us from seeing and hearing what God wants to do and say in our life and in the lives of others. What does that mean?

6. Luke 7:40-43. Jesus tells Simon the Pharisee a parable. it's not the amount you owe that puts you in debt. If you owe someone and cannot pay, you're in debt to them. It's not the amount of sin that makes you a sinner. If you've sinned, you're a sinner. Simon was in as much debt as the woman, but he was spiritually blind and could not see it. Discuss.

7. Read 7:44-50. God's plans will be carried out no matter what. If those who know the right thing to do, refuse to do their part, God will find someone else to do what needs to be done. He will use even someone we would consider to be unacceptable. Discuss.

8. Read Luke 7:50. In verse 47, the phrase "have been forgiven" describes an action that has been completed in the past. The woman had already been forgiven of her sins before she arrived at the dinner. She was there to show gratitude and love to the one who had forgiven her. Jesus makes it perfectly clear that only by faith is she saved. Read Titus 3:4-5.

8. Read Mark 10:14-15. We should respond to God's gift with childlike faith with acceptance, amazement and \_\_\_\_\_ .

9. Read Luke 7:50. The calming peace that God gives us does not mean we will not have hard times and difficult days. In fact, many times God will ask us to do something difficult and maybe even impossible. "It's the power and presence of God right in the middle of the storms of life that produce in us a calming peace."