

Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

For the week of 6-26-2022

For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

Quick Review Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

***Opener Question or Activity:** Have you ever gotten caught up in traffic and felt like your agenda to get home was more important than any of the other drivers? What caused you to think you deserved a clear and immediate driving path?

Sunday's Main Scripture Text: Luke 7:36-50 - A Love Story.

Digging Deeper: *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Can you describe a time in your life where you realized the depth of the love of God that moved you to some type of action? Why did you respond the way you did?
2. Read from Ephesians 2:8-9 together. What are the keywords you find in these verses? Why did you choose these keywords?
3. What similarities of "the sinful woman" of Luke 7:36-50 and these verses in Ephesians 2:8-9 can you find or connect to her response and why?
4. If you haven't yet, look up the word "grace" and discuss its meaning together. How has grace moved you to a deeper love for God?
5. Who are the people in your life who have shown you how to live out Ephesians 2:8-9 by the way they love Jesus?
6. At the end of Luke 7:50, Jesus says the sinful woman's faith saved her and she should go in peace. How has peace shown up in your life ever since you first believed and were forgiven?

Apply it today: Looking back over this week's teaching, what seems most important for you to remember? Why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?