

## 4 Characteristics of Someone Who Loves Jesus

### Luke 7: 36-50

**Take Home Truth:** Our love for God is demonstrated by accepting what Jesus has done for us (freedom from sin) and living our lives ignited by that love.

**Christ-Connection:** In light of the command of God stated in Matt 22: 37-38 to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, we are only able to love Him by His Holy Spirit.

**Hook:** Describe a time in your life when you were loved and did not deserve it at all.

#### Engage:

1. Read Luke 7: 36-50. Who do you tend to identify with most closely- the woman (sinner) or the Pharisee (righteous in his mind)? Did your perspective change as a result of this message?

#### Reflect:

2. Who is in your life who is far from God that you could demonstrate God's love to? Luke 5: 31; Eph 4:15
3. How does knowing how much you have been forgiven help you love God more deeply?
4. Piper said, "If we could have heaven with every gift EXCEPT Jesus, could we be satisfied with that heaven? Our treasure is not His gifts, but HIM." Talk about how this should be true in our lives.

#### Respond:

5. John (Phud) said, "Always be killing sin or it will be killing you." What steps can you take, or are you taking to "kill" sin in your life? Col 3: 5, Rom 8:13, I Jn 2:4-6
6. How can you take on the role of servant within your current circle- family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.? Jn 13:3-5