



## The Pharisee and the Woman with the Alabaster Jar

February 6

Luke 7:36-50

### Object Lessons and Storytelling Ideas

- What would happen at your home if you had Jesus over for supper? Had Simon prepared for his guest? How was the sinful woman prepared?
- People didn't know who Jesus was or that he could forgive sins. In Bible times, sins could only be forgiven in the temple after making a sacrifice. Where did Jesus get the authority to forgive people?
- Wrap two items; one item should be 'rotten' on the inside and pretty on the outside, while the other is beautiful on the inside but ugly on the outside.

### Discussion Ideas and Questions

- Remember Matthew (Levi)? The beatitudes and the sermon on the plain? How do Simon and the woman fit in? Who would the world say is the best of these? Who did Jesus say did what was good and right?
- Did Jesus care what the woman had done? No, because he had forgiven her. He cared only about her heart (and Simon's heart) and whether they loved him.
- How is Simon like the beautiful gift that was wrapped with ugly paper?
- The woman gave what was probably her most precious possession to thank Jesus; how can we use what we have to show Jesus we are thankful?

### At Home Connections

- Set an extra spot at the table and imagine what it might be like to have Jesus come for supper. What might Jesus say to you?
- Talk about Jesus' forgiveness. If your kids have chosen to believe, spend some time remembering what they are forgiven from and for. How do we act now? Do we praise and worship Jesus? Spend time praising together in prayer, song, and recounting the good things he has given you.
- Are there any hidden sins in my heart that I need to ask Jesus to forgive? Think about the sins Jesus has forgiven you for, and then thank him for that.