



Gospel Expansion

Luke 7:36-50

*What makes up the “DNA” of a Great Commission Church?
Over the next several weeks we will explore the six commitments we believe
make up a life driven by the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Summary of Today’s Lesson: The sixth commitment we want to make is to expand the gospel by being on mission with Jesus.

Difference between “Christians” & Followers of Jesus

Difference #1 – For Christians, repentance is something you do only in the case of spiritual emergencies; for followers of Jesus, repentance is a lifestyle.

Difference #2 – Christians judge sinners; followers of Jesus judge sin, love sinners.

Difference #3 – Christians are into kingdom-fellowship; followers of Jesus are into kingdom-expansion.

Gospel Driven Life Group Study

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Getting to Know Me: (these questions are designed to get your group started and build community)

1. What is one quirk or habit you have that drives your family crazy?

Getting Started: (these questions are designed to “prime the pump” and get the group thinking about the teaching on Sunday)

1. What was one principle/idea/thought that stood out to you from Sunday's sermon?
2. Do you think there should be a distinction between “Christians” and followers of Jesus? Why or why not? If there is a difference, what do you think that difference is?

Digging Deeper: (these questions are “text-based” and designed to help get the group talking about the Scriptures together)

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1. What do you think it was about Jesus that this woman heard that caused her to risk her life in going to Jesus at the home of Simon the Pharisee?
2. Why do you think Simon didn't give Jesus the standard greeting that an honored guest normally received in that culture? What does this tell you about what he really thought about Jesus?
3. Why do you think Jesus says that only those who have been “forgiven much” have the capability of “loving much”?
4. In your own experience of Jesus, where do you find on the continuum between the woman (*embarrassing* herself in expressing love towards Jesus) or Simon (*embarrassed* about expressing *any* devotion to Jesus).

Application:

1. What is one way you sense the Holy Spirit calling you to turn away from being a “Christian” and be a follower of Jesus?