

Homegroup Notes

Welcome Icebreaker Why do you go to Church?

Bible Study

Read Luke 7: 36 – end

We read the story of a woman whose motivation to see Jesus and worship Him was extravagant. Some people questioned her motives and questioned the way in which Jesus responded to her, but the story is told in such a way that she comes out best! Why did she do what she did?

Jesus had gone to dinner with a Pharisee. We're not really sure why Simon invited Him – was he looking for time to ask Jesus all kinds of trick questions?

Was he genuinely trying to understand Jesus and what He was doing? We don't know, but Jesus went.....why?. (Discuss)

He also knows what Simon is thinking – how frightening is that for Simon! So he tells Simon a story: "Two men..." (7:41) There is an obvious answer – the one who had the bigger debt cancelled will have the higher regard for the man, will love him more. It is a simple fact of human behaviour. Then there's a sting in the tail because Jesus contrasts Simon and the woman in their reactions to Him:

She had come to believe Jesus' words, trust His promises; she had come to trust Him and that faith had opened the door for her to experience forgiveness and what we read today is her expression of extravagant, strong love for Jesus, inspired and motivated by and responding to her faith and what Jesus had done for her.

Jesus acted out His love for us on the Cross (He first loved us) are we motivated to act out in faith the Words of Jesus in our love for Him. Why is it that we see so little of this strong love to Jesus among Christians of this present day?

How motivated are we?

Prayers

Pray for the Churches in our Town and The Church world wide..especially for growth. A low sense of sin will always produce a low and sense of the value of salvation. Pray for an awakening amongst His people.

Pray for our congregation

Pray for Folk and Boat

Pray for Gill Stanning and Thia Hughes both to be ordained 4th

July

Be still then pray as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the sick

Jesus said....Love oneanother as I have loved you