

LEADER REMINDERS

- Small group leader meeting NEXT Wednesday, Dec. 7th @ 6:15pm
- Reminder to students & leaders who serve on a CCC 4th week Sunday serving team:
 - Recharge falls on a 4th Sunday...be sure you are finding a replacement for your serving role.
- Pizza boxes-should be brought to the main floor kitchen at the end of the night, and they need to be emptied, opened, flattened & stacked on the counter by the door.



11.16.22 & 11.30.22 LARGE GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Look of Love (Luke 7:18-23)

Summary

Tonight, we are covering the story found in Luke 7:36-50 where the sinful woman anoints the feet of Jesus in the home of Simon the Pharisee. The story contrasts the Pharisee's arrogance and indifference towards Jesus with the woman's gratitude for salvation and the love that spills out of her because of what Jesus has done in her life. Students will be challenged to consider two questions..... 1) which character in the story do they best relate to you and why? 2) How much do they really *love* Jesus in their own life?

The Pharisee's attitude....

1. She's a **MESS** and He's a **JOKE**
 - Luke 7:37-39
 - This attitude results in an even harder heart

The woman's attitude....

2. I'm a **MESS** and He's the **ANSWER**
 - Luke 7:37-39
 - This attitude results in love spilling out of her

After asking the students to determine which character they most relate to, I'll be providing them with 3 R's for growing in their love for Jesus:

- Recognize – recognize sin in our own lives and recognize sin is a really big deal.
- Realize – realize our sins caused Jesus to die for us to spare us eternity apart from Him.
- Respond – respond to Jesus in a way where love spills out of you because of the gratitude you feel for what He's done for you.

Questions

- Interact with your students regarding their thoughts on this definition of love: love is a choice that leads to action on behalf of someone else. Ask them to provide examples of how they love Jesus and others like this.
- Ask them which character they related to in the story and why? Ask them what aspects of Simon the Pharisee they related to and why? What aspects of the woman did they relate to and why?
- Ask them if they're more likely to see OTHERS as a mess or THEMSELVES as a mess and why? If you mine this question with them, you may see some kids open up.
- Ask them what they honestly think about Jesus? Is Jesus sort of a "joke" to them? Are they just at RUSH or coming to church because they HAVE to? Or are they intrigued by Jesus?

- Ask students in your group if any of them have decided that Jesus IS the answer in their lives? Any who say yes, ask them to explain why they believe that He's the answer for them. This could open up a testimony sharing time.
- Ask students what best describes their heart condition towards Jesus right now? Hard-hearted? Or love spilling out?
- Walk through the R's for growing in their love for Jesus? If you walk through these, you should be able to walk them through the elements of the Gospel. Seek to engage them in discussion about their questions or where they're at.