



“Forgiveness”

Presenter: Doug Freeman

Talk It Over

The Certainty
Text: Luke 7:36-50
“Forgiveness”

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II. Forgiveness Is _____

III. Forgiveness Is _____

IV. Forgiveness Has _____

V. Forgiveness Brings _____

SMALL TALK

1. In your childhood, how did certainty about something in your life shape your behavior?

VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Luke 5:23-24.** How was the certainty of forgiveness validated by Jesus in this account?
3. **Read Luke 7:36-50.** It is likely that Simon the pharisee, and the woman in this account had heard Jesus’ teaching. What differences do you see in their responses to Him?
4. What evidence did the woman exhibit, demonstrating her acceptance of forgiveness and a changed heart? Contrast that with the pharisee’s thoughts toward Jesus and Jesus’ evaluation of his unchanged heart.

GETTING PERSONAL

5. **Read 2 Peter 3:9 and Eph. 1:7.** Do you believe that God’s forgiveness is certain and unconditional? How have you responded to God’s offer of pardon?
6. **Read 2 Cor. 5:17.** Is there evidence in your life of ongoing transformation as a result of accepting His forgiveness?
7. Do you have peace with God (Rom. 5:1)? Do you have the peace of God (Rom. 14:17) from living your life seeking and surrendering to His will, and walking in His saving grace?

PRACTICE!

- a. If you have never said yes to God’s offer of forgiveness, what’s stopping you now?
- b. If you have accepted God’s forgiveness, what are you doing daily to grow in that relationship?
- c. If you are in the “b” category above, who do you know in the “a” category that you are praying for and developing a relationship with?

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