



Sermon Notes

Term – Spring 2020

Series – The Gospel of Luke

Gathering & Date – the 10, 2 February

Title – Luke 7:36-50 (The Power of Forgiveness)

Preacher – Paul Langham

Reading – Luke 7:36-50

You can listen to this sermon here: <https://www.ccweb.org.uk/Media/AllMedia.aspx>

Questions

Jesus's parable is only 2 verses long, but it provides a place for everyone – for the woman, for Simon, for the other guests, for the servants, for the disciples, for you and for me ...

Where do you sit in this parable?

Do you sit beside Jesus without really seeing him?

Does his refusal to fit into the neat categories you rather feel he should prevent you from honouring him?

Are you someone who should, but doesn't? Or someone who shouldn't, but does?

Do you see your need of forgiveness? Do you hold your reserve because you will only acknowledge a minor debt?

Or do you fall at his feet and weep for the total forgiveness you did not deserve but have been given anyway?

Do you see others as theological categories (or in other stereotypical ways)?

Or do you see others as fellow human beings in need of precisely the same grace God has shown to you?

Do you see the power of forgiveness in your own life, and do you see the imperative of offering that to others?

Do you see Jesus and your opportunity to minister to him through

- Our worship of him
- Our service of others

For reflection, you can listen to Julia's spoken word piece *Alabaster Jar* at:

<https://outloudspokenword.com/2019/08/16/alabaster-jar/>

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