**OCF Small Groups:** *passionately pursuing God, healthy relationships with each other, and people who don’t know Jesus, as part of an intimate group living this life of faith together.*

This Week’s Scripture: **Luke 7:36 - 8:3**

1. In the story of Simon and the sinful woman, what we think of as "private life" in the modern Western world was largely unknown in Jesus' time. Doors would often remain open, allowing beggars, extra friends or simply curious passers-by to wander in. So the woman enters, it seems, with the intention of anointing Jesus in Simon’s house.

Why do you think Jesus initiated the conversation with Simon by using a parable?

1. What is the difference between sins of commission and sins of omission?
2. Was Simon guilty of sins of commission or omission, or both? Explain.
3. With which debtor do you identify with in verses 41-42?
4. How difficult is it for you to express your love toward Jesus?
5. In verse 48, why did those sitting at the table with Jesus ask, “Who is this, who even forgives sins?”
6. What have you found to be the most difficult thing about dealing with sin and failure?
7. Where in your life do you need to reach out and “touch” Jesus? What do you need to receive from him?
8. How does our salvation in Christ help us to “go in peace” (verse 50)?
9. In verses 1-3, Luke includes a group of women whom the other Gospel writers don't mention until much later, not until the cross. What would first-century Palestinians have found shocking about these women? Why were these women drawn to following Jesus?

**SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION**

Meditate on Luke 7:47 and Luke 7:50

“Therefore I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little”

And he said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

**PRAY**

Take time in prayer and approach Jesus like the woman in the story. Invite Jesus to speak to you, to touch and command you. Sit and wait in silence and listen to his words to you.