



## Talk it Over | Week of 11.3.13 | Forgiveness: Add a Zero

Talking through the message during the week and in the Life Group context helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These discussion points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

### Opener

- Have you ever experienced a funny, awkward social situation? Describe what happened.
- We all have "comfort zones". Describe a time where you were stretched beyond yours and what you learned.

**Picture This - Forgiveness** – Main Text: Read Luke 7:36-50, Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23. Supplemental Illustrations: Read Matthew 9:11-13, Luke 18:9-14, & Luke 19:6-8,

- What encourages you about the main text? What troubles you?
- A religious attitude/spirit was described as rule-keeping to impress others while being critical of others, and unbelief that others can/will change. It's rooted in self-righteousness. The religious spirit is absent of love, relationally empty, and critical of genuine passion." *Discuss the dangers of this attitude. Have you felt yourself slipping into any of these attitudes?*
- Simon saw himself as a 50 denari person. The woman saw herself as a 500 denari person. How do you see yourself? (Our perception of ourselves directly affects how we relate to God or others)
- What does the statement "those who are forgiven much will love much" mean to you? What does love look like.
- Do you love much or little? What is hindering love. Pray for one another in ministry time.

### Action Steps:

- When you forget how needy you are outside of Christ, remember to "add a zero" to your debt.
- Realize that your need for forgiveness is just as large as anyone else's.
- Forgive from your heart anyone and anything you are aware that has impacted you .
- Continually stir up gratitude for all the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you.

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