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Women’s Bible Study Discussion Questions – June 16

**The Sinful Woman**

1. Look back through the passage. What do you observe? What details stuck out to you?
2. As we have studied Jesus this summer, what characteristics of his have stood out to you? How would you finish this sentence - “Who IS this, who even…”?
3. We talked about how both the immanence and transcendence of Jesus are on display in this passage and in the gospels. Which do you tend to emphasize more, and why? How could taking the time to notice and emphasize the one you *don’t* tend to think about change how you relate to God?
4. Note that this woman does not speak a single word, and yet Jesus responds to her, notes her faith and love, and forgives her “many sins” (v. 47). What does this tell you about Jesus, and what he “requires” of those who approach him? What does this indicate about what manner we are not only *allowed* to approach Jesus, but *should* approach him?
5. Why do you think Jesus allowed this woman to show her love for him in such a socially inappropriate way? What does this show you about him? Should we have “socially appropriate” ways of worship? How should this inform our own actions, as well as our view of others?
6. When you think about your own life in terms of “great love” being a marker of whether or not you’ve been greatly forgiven, what do you see? (Remember: this is not an opportunity to buckle down and “be better at loving,” but a diagnostic opportunity for your heart - what do you really think about how much you’ve been forgiven?)
7. How should what you’ve learned today shape your prayers for your life? What is one thing you can bring before the Lord because of our discussion today of this passage?