



EAST BAY CALVARY CHURCH

STUDY QUESTIONS FOR LIFE GROUPS

Series: You Belong Here

SINFUL WOMEN Belong Here (Luke 7:36-50)

Introduction

1. What is something that you LOVE more than most people? Something you get fanatical about?
2. When might someone feel embarrassed by someone else's "messy" display of love?

Digging Deeper

3. **Read 2 Samuel 6:12-15.** What would you think of the president, or a king, dancing with all of his might—in a way that might even be undignified? Are you inclined to try to stop it and cover it up, to modestly ignore it, or jump in?
4. **Read 2 Samuel 6:16, 20-23.** What do you make of David's wife Michal's reaction? What about David's response in verses 21-22? Why was David judged righteous and Michal punished?
5. **Read Malachi 1:6-14.** How did the Israelites show their "love" or "respect" for God was not wholehearted? What did the LORD ask for instead of this weak worship?
6. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:18-20.** How does our self-image of our own wisdom affect our view of others? How do you understand that second sentence in verse 18?
7. **Read Luke 7:36-39.** Why was this display from this woman so cringe-inducing? If it was extraordinary and unexpected, what kind of reactions might you have seen?
8. **Read Luke 7:40-50.** How did Jesus correct Simon? How did Jesus comfort the woman?
9. Was there anything from the sermon you hoped we could talk about in our group?

Application

10. Do you identify more quickly with Simon the Pharisee or the unnamed woman in this story? What about them do you see in yourself?
11. How much do you reflect on how much God has forgiven you? How can you increase that from day to day?
12. How can your love for God abound more this week? How might it find fresh expression in your life?