

# Clarence Park Baptist Church

Question for Week following service 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## A CAST OF *Characters*

COMMON PEOPLE in the HANDS of AN UNCOMMON GOD



**WORSHIP** God   **GROW** Together   **SERVE** Others

**Week 2 – The woman Who washed Jesus' Feet**  
**Luke 7:36-50**

### Preparation

1. Watch the sermon from the church YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/I5vYAm5s0mw>
2. Read the passages on the next page and reflect on the questions before meeting with the rest of the group to explore your journeys together

### Group Study

- Begin with a time of prayer – asking God to help you learn something new

## Reading:

### Luke 7:36-50 New International Version - UK

#### Jesus anointed by a sinful woman

<sup>36</sup> When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. <sup>37</sup> A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. <sup>38</sup> As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

<sup>39</sup> When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, 'If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is – that she is a sinner.'

<sup>40</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Simon, I have something to tell you.'

'Tell me, teacher,' he said.

<sup>41</sup> 'Two people owed money to a certain money-lender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. <sup>42</sup> Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?'

<sup>43</sup> Simon replied, 'I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.'

'You have judged correctly,' Jesus said.

<sup>44</sup> Then he turned towards the woman and said to Simon, 'Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. <sup>45</sup> You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. <sup>46</sup> You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. <sup>47</sup> Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven – as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.'

<sup>48</sup> Then Jesus said to her, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

<sup>49</sup> The other guests began to say among themselves, 'Who is this who even forgives sins?'

<sup>50</sup> Jesus said to the woman, 'Your faith has saved you; go in peace.'

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## Questions for discussion

Reflect and share your experiences together using the following questions.

Take time at the end to ask what is God teaching you this week to help you grow as a disciple of Jesus?

1. Is there anything from the readings or message this week that stood out to you?
2. Read 1 John 4:19. Do you agree that we can't give what we haven't received? Explain.
3. How does someone "receive" love? How does someone "refuse" love?
4. In Luke 7:36-50,
  - a. Which character do you identify with Simon or the woman? Explain.
  - b. What principle did Jesus develop in v47? How does this principle relate to you? Explain.
  - c. Explain why Jesus forgiving her sins (v48) is important for the Easter story? For Jesus' ministry? For us to know today?

## Prayer

Take some time to share prayer needs, pray for one another, for the church and for our local community before finishing with the words of the grace.