



# PARABLES

Stories to live by

Sundays at 10:30am

Winter - Spring 2023

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## Home Group study: week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**TITLE: Parables – stories to live by: The Moneylender**

**PASSAGE: Luke 7:36-50**

What would you say are some of the hospitality norms in our culture today? Or perhaps put differently, what would you consider to be rude if you were a guest in someone else's house?

*Queue some very nervous feelings from the hosts within the group meeting =D*

(I always like to consider asking 'what immediately stands out in the passage?' Quite often, I find, the Holy Spirit highlights new understanding to us individually upon a read of a passage.)

### Read Luke 7:36-50

- What are all the contrasts you can see between Simon and the sinful woman?
- Why do you think Jesus shares this parable?
- Simon here had a lot of judgemental attitudes towards the woman. How do you guard yourself from having judgemental misconceptions or attitudes clouding your thoughts?
- We general find ourselves quick to point out the sins and faults of others but slow to self-reflect on our own. Do you find it easy or difficult to recognise your sins against others and God? Do you find yourself looking to self-justify your actions?

Chris asked some really challenging questions on Sunday. One of which was:

- Are we taking God's mercy, grace, love and goodness for granted?

In the day to day knowing that, through Jesus, God has forgiven us for all our sins (past, present and future) does that help you to feel more or less conscious of your sins? (Can we become more perhaps emotionally detached)

- Read verse 47. Jesus reflects on the woman's heart response to the forgiveness she has received. How can we more actively, in our every day, model a heart response worthy of the love and forgiveness we have received?

As we look towards Easter weekend, spend some time in prayer:

- Thanking God for his love and kindness towards us through the forgiveness of our sins.
- Ask for God's help where we struggle with judgemental mindsets.
- Pray for one another that we would live lives that model the great love we have received.