STUDY GUIDE: PARABLE:

"A Debt of Love" (Luke 7:36-50)

Discussion Starters

--"forgiven" (Luke 7:48)—

1.	Who do you love the most?
2.	What do you owe that person?
Study: Read Luke 7:36-50 in preparation for the following questions.	
3.	What is the background of the parable?
4.	What is the primary point of the parable? (Sum it up in one brief sentence.)
5.	Why was this woman referred to as "a sinner" when others weren't?
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Defin	ne the following words or terms.
	"weeping" (Luke 7:38)—
	"answered" (Luke 7:40)—
	"graciously" (Luke 7:42)—
	"anoint" (Luke 7:46)—

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7. Choose one of the words you looked up above, and write how understanding the meaning and background of that word better helped you understand this passage.		
8. Explain the relationship between experiencing God's forgiveness and loving others.		
9. How do you explain the fact that many who speak of experiencing God's forgiveness seem to struggle showing that same love and forgiveness to others?		
Taking It Home (You won't be able to answer these questions without first answering the questions above.)		
10. Has God forgiven you as much as he has forgiven anyone else? (Be honest, and explain to yourself why you answered this way).		
11. Who do you struggle with showing the same love and forgiveness God has shown you? Why do you believe you are struggling with this? What needs to change?		
12. If God forgives you, is loving God the natural response? What does this look like?		