

Lomax Temple A.M.E. Zion Church Sunday School
Topic: How Much Do You Love Me?
April 21, 2024 – Luke 7:36-39, 44-50 (NRSV)

Sunday School 9:15 A.M. – 8 minutes per section
5 minutes General Discussion

1. Read Luke 7:36-37. A) THE BIG QUESTION IS, why did the Pharisee give Jesus an open invitation to dine at his house (were they alone)? B) THE SECOND BIG QUESTION IS, why would a Pharisee allow a “known sinner” into his house? C) THE THIRD BIG QUESTION IS, why would this “sinful woman” even consider coming uninvited into a Pharisees house?
2. Read Luke 7:38-39. A) What was the (approx.) cost and significance of the alabaster jar of ointment (not oil but ointment)? B) Why do you think she was so devoted and passionate to Jesus? C) List all the acts of humility and honor this woman displayed!
3. Read Luke 7:44-48. A) TRANSITION TIME! Compare all of Simon’s actions to his open invitation and describe his true motives. B) How does this compare with sincere and insincere worship in our churches today? C) Considering the actions of “this woman” tell why her sins were forgiven by Jesus and how should we prepare our hearts for worship?
4. Read Luke 7:48-50. A) Here Jesus speaks directly to the women, but His words were for everyone in the room to hear. Why then, wasn’t this declaration given to Simon and the other guest? B) According to Jesus, what has saved this woman? C) Explain, what has she been saved ‘from or to’ and compare with Christians today – what are we saved ‘from or to’?

Application: (answer the following questions)

- 1- What leads Christians today to sometimes think like the Pharisee in this story?
- 2- How can Christians react more like Jesus and less like the Pharisee?
- 3- What leads Christians today to react to Jesus with the passionate conviction this sinful woman displayed?
- 4- What could prompt us to relate to Him more as she did?

A. Review questions in ENGAGE on page 36; “Elevate” on page 39.

B. Review questions in “iThink” on page 39.

Homework – Worksheet Activity “Faith of an Anointer”