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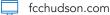
## THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE (Year 1, Week 42)

Galatians 6:10 (Church Life) So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

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## **Conversation Questions**

The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted by every Friday on the 'live' page of our website and in our weekly newsletter. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your faith groups!

The Conversation Guide is built on the SOAP model, which is a tool you can use when reading the Bible. SOAP helps you be intentional about paying attention to:

Scripture that stands out to you while you read

Observations about the verse or phrases that stood out to you

Application that connect the verses to your real life and relationships

Prayer that invites God to participate in your life and provide power to follow him

**Getting to know me:** Share about a time when you felt like a complete outsider.

### Note about the passage:

The alabaster flask in this story is almost certainly the most valuable thing that the woman owns. Flasks like this were often meant to be a gift that she would bring into her marriage. The ointment inside could only be used when the neck of the flask was broken, so once it was opened, it couldn't be reused.

#### Read Matthew 9:35-38 and Mark 6:30-44

- What verses, phrases, or words stand out to you as you read this text? Is anything "illuminated" or jumping off the page and affecting your spirit?
- O How is the woman in verses 36-39 described? What emotions might she have been experiencing? What do you think was motivating her actions?
- O How is Simon described in verse 39? What emotions might he have been experiencing? What do you think motivated his words to himself?
- O Compare the sins of the woman and Simon.
- What do you think is Jesus' point in verses 40-43?
- According to Jesus, what will be the result/evidence in the life of a person who has received forgiveness?
- A If God had written this passage just for you, what words, phrases or ideas would he have underlined specifically for you? What did you need to hear most? Why?
- **A** With which person in this story do you most identify, and why?
- **A** Are there any specific relationship in your life where you know that you are responding like Simon?
- A In what ways is your life marked by the kind of love that comes from forgiveness? Are there any areas of your life that need to grow in both love and forgiveness?
- **A** How could your Missional Community reflect the teaching of Jesus in this passage together?
- **P** Talk to God about your application responses. Ask him to speak to you, help you, forgive you, and provide direction as needed.

<sup>\*</sup>This Conversation Guide was adapted from an InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Discussion Guide - https://intervarsity.org/bible-studies/luke-7b