

WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

SINFUL WOMAN

Pray and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

Read the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

Begin to answer the questions using your own words.

Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.

LESSON 9

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **Woman Caught in Adultery** was helpful to you?

SECTION I: Read Luke 7:36-38

2. Where was Jesus? Give details from **V36**.
3. a) Who showed up, how is she described, and what did she bring in **V37**?

b) What do you learn about this jar of perfume from **Mark 14:3-5**? (This is a different, yet similar event.)
4. a) In your opinion, why did the Pharisee invite Jesus to his home?

b) Do you think the "sinful woman" was invited? Why or why not?
5. a) What did the woman do, and what does it reveal about her heart as you read **V38**?

b) When or how have you come to Jesus weeping over your sins (or the sins of others), or weeping with gratitude?

6. Tell of a time when you poured out something costly on Jesus.

SECTION II: Read Luke 7:39-47

7. In **V39**, what do you learn about Simon the Pharisee as he made comments to himself about:

a) Jesus?

b) the woman?

8. a) Read **V39-43**. Summarize the parable that Jesus used with Simon.

b) What might have been going on in Simon's mind as Jesus addressed his hidden thoughts?

9. a) Contrast the things that Simon didn't do with those that the woman did do in **V44-46**.

Simon

Sinful Woman

b) What point is Jesus making in this comparison?

10. According to **V47**, why did this woman have such "great love" in contrast to others?

11. In your opinion, was the issue that the Pharisee just had not sinned very much? If not, what was the issue?

12. If God exposed your heart, would He find you have a proper view of your sinfulness and of His righteousness? Explain.

SECTION III: Read Luke 7:48-50

13. a) In **V48**, what did Jesus say to the woman, and what does it reveal about His heart?
- b) In your own words, how did the other guests respond (**V49**)?
14. What do you think Jesus meant by “your faith has saved you”? (Use **Ephesians 2:8-9** or other Scriptures to answer.)
15. a) When Jesus said, “go in peace,” think of new ways she could have experienced peace. (**V50**)
- b) Tell of a time when you experienced peace to overflowing after being forgiven.
16. What do you want to remember from this woman who had a mixture of the “good, bad, and ugly”?
17. Write a prayer for yourself or someone who needs to experience the peace of God’s forgiveness.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. How does the story of the sinful woman tie in with Jesus’ teaching in **Matthew 5:3-4**?
2. This woman demonstrated a costly expression of “great love.”
- a) How does David exemplify this in **2 Samuel 24:18-25**?
- b) What does Paul suggest on this subject in **Romans 12:1**?
- c) Read **Hebrews 6:10**, and write a truth about another expression of costly love for Him.
3. Suggested Memory Verse: **Luke 7:47**

