



Talk summary:

How God's love looks like a broken jar of perfume [Luke 7:36-50]

1. This love is costly [Luke 7 v37]
 - a. Jar of perfume is her allure, a very precious item, given entirely to Jesus.
 - b. She has given up her power, her income.
 - c. Both people were serious spiritual seekers; the cost to Simon was minimal.
 - d. Always involves giving up the things in our lives we build our foundation on
2. This love is broken and messy [Luke 7 v38]
 - a) Jesus' feet very dirty but she kisses them
 - b) Taking her hair out was quite an offensive thing to do then, she was overflowing with emotion, and wanting an encounter with Jesus
 - c) Simon was, rather, after knowledge
 - d) Hers is the better response
3. This love is freeing and beautiful [Luke 7 v44-46]
 - a) Her love was seeing Jesus as He really is
 - b) We are all the person with the greater debt
 - c) We are called to worship Him with passion

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. *What are the things tangling up my heart, which I may need to be released from ?*
2. *What do I think it would look like for me to grow in my love for Jesus ?*
3. *How do I relate to this ?*
 - *The physicality of the woman's response reminds us of the crucifixion*
 - *Her tears remind us of tears shed in Gethsemane*
 - *The broken jar reminds us of Jesus' broken body and His shed blood*

Does our worship of Jesus come out of our knowledge/study of Him, or is our worship passionate and emotional ? Discuss.

Are we seeing our need for Jesus, or do we need to give up our dignity to find it in Jesus ?

How can we experience a deeper encounter with the love of Jesus so we can love others in the right way? Imagine what it would do to our Church and communities.

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