

Outline: The Pharisee and the Penitent (Luke 7:36-50)

Serangoon Bethesda Church @ 12 Feb 23, 8.30 am (Sim Kay Tee)

A. Introduction

1. Two different foot-washing stories
 - Luke 7:36-50 – un-named woman, 1st year of Jesus' ministry in Galilee
 - Matthew 26:6-13, Mark 14:3-9 and John 12:1-8 – Mary of Bethany, passion week, in Judea
2. A friend of tax-collectors and sinner (Luke 7:34, 5:30)

B. Dining with a Pharisee (Luke 7:36)

1. Jesus eats with
 - a. tax-collectors and sinners – his mission – salvation (Luke 5:30, 31-32, 15:2, 19:7)
 - b. Pharisees – their mission – entrapment, discredit and humiliation
(Luke 11:37-38, 14:1, Mark 3:2, Matthew 19:3, John 8:6)
2. Simon the host (Luke 7:36, 44-46)
 - a. his reputation – Simon the Pharisee
 - b. his motivation and intention
 - c. his antagonism, inhospitality, hypocrisy and duplicity (vv.39, 44-46)
3. Unique features of ancient dining banquets
 - a. gate-crashers allowed (v.37)
 - b. reclining at table (v.36b, Luke 11:37, 22:14, Matthew 26:7, Mark 14:18, John 13:23)

C. Weeping of a Penitent (Luke 7:37-38)

1. a sinful woman, un-named (v.37a, v.39c)
2. her motivation/intention (v.37b, v.47)
3. her actions, tears and emotional meltdown (v.38)

D. Applying the forgiven-little-loving-little Parable (Luke 7:39-50)

1. Simon's indignation (v.39, Luke 18:11)
2. Jesus' instruction and application (vv.40-48)
 - a. the parable of 2 debtors/sinners (vv.41-43)
 - b. the principle – gratitude - forgiven much loves much, forgiven little loves little (v.47b, 48, 50)
3. Who are you
 - Simon the Pharisee?
 - the un-named penitent woman?
4. Do I really love Jesus?