

Weekly Discussion Guide – 3-8-2026

The Way of the Cross, Week 3: “The Freedom of Forgiveness”

Text: Luke 7:36-50

1. Can you think of a time when *receiving* forgiveness felt like a weight lifted, a taste of freedom?
2. What about a time when *extending* forgiveness felt like a weight lifted or a taste of freedom?
3. **Read Luke 7:36-50.** With what or with whom do you identify in this passage?
4. What in the passage raises resistance or questions for you?
5. Contrast this Simon’s response with that of Simon Peter in Luke 5:8-11?
6. On a scale of 0-10, how aware do you feel of your “indebtedness” to Jesus for forgiveness, redemption, and salvation? Explain your answer.
7. Which do you find easier or harder, receiving God’s forgiveness for you or extending forgiveness to others? Why do you think that is?
8. Spend 3-5 minutes in silent prayer with Jesus. “Do you see...?” Jesus asked Simon. Ask Jesus to help you see, to show you what it would look like for you to walk in greater forgiveness, both giving and receiving. Write down and/or share if you’re comfortable.