

Why Love? The Answer from Jesus. A.3

Luke 7:36-50

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How did God speak to you in Sunday's message on Love?

POINT: Why Love: It's the Power of Gratitude!

1. Read Luke 7:36-50. What's the point of this episode in Jesus' ministry that Luke relates to us in his gospel?
2. Compare Simon and the woman of the city.
3. What point does Jesus' parable in v41-42 teach us about love?
4. Define the word Gift. Discuss whether love is a gift. Discuss whether forgiveness is a gift.

Bring into focus our knowledge of God as revealed to us in Jesus as we know Him through the New Testament: How does knowing God is love change the way we see the world? Further, how does this impose upon our world view the gift nature of life itself and call us to a life of gratitude?
5. Given the parable and the comparison between Simon and the woman of the city, why are some stingy and some generous? How does gratitude play a role? How does a God of unfathomable love invited to sit on the throne of our lives in the place we sit, induce us to "love much" (v42) and become people of gratitude?
6. What can we do to increase our capacity to see and appreciate the gift nature of life in Jesus Christ and thereby enlarge our gratitude?