

**How Can We Say "I Forgive You"?**  
**Sermon Based Discussion (August 11, 2013)**  
**Sermon Series: Forgiveness**

**WARM UP**

1. When you were growing up, how often did you hear or say the words "I forgive you" in your home? Often, sometimes, rarely, or never?

The words "I forgive you" carry a lot of weight. But many of us in our homes or cultures do not usually say such phrases, or at least not verbally. In this session we consider what it means to say "I forgive you" as modeled by Jesus.

**INTO THE BIBLE**

**(Read Luke 7:36-50)**

2. What does the short parable about the moneylender mean?
3. What did Jesus mean when he told the woman "Your sins are forgiven... your faith has saved you?"

**UNDERSTANDING**

4. If someone who is forgiven much becomes a person who loves much, then what does it mean if a professing Christian is not growing in love for Jesus?
5. If this woman was saved by her faith in Jesus, then why did Jesus allow her to go through the entire process of anointing, kissing, and wiping Jesus' feet?

**DIFFERENCE**

6. What is the benefit that people are saved by faith instead of, say, giving expensive gifts to Jesus?
7. Has anyone in the group felt so grateful and indebted to Jesus as this woman? Please describe it.

**APPLICATION**

Jesus forgave someone whom no one believed should have been forgiven.

8. How can we remind ourselves that we are just like the woman?
9. What can you do to show forgiveness to someone? Perhaps it's someone that no one feels should be forgiven as well.