



THE GOSPEL OF  
**LUKE**  
THE IDENTITY  
OF THE KING

March 6th, 2016  
The Savior of Sinners



This Sunday, Corey continued our series in the Gospel of Luke, focusing on chapter seven.

## READ

Luke 7:1-10

## REFLECT

1. Which person are you? How do you approach worship? Do you walk out of the sanctuary feeling like Simon, detached, cold and unmoved, or do you leave as the woman, grateful, joyful, and changed?
2. How do you perceive your own debt to God? Do you think of yourself as a basically good person who fails only in the sense that everyone fails? Do you believe that you perform better than the average person? How do your actions, your spiritual resume, your propensity to compare yourself to others around you impact the gratitude you feel in your salvation?
3. Corey delineated between Chapter 11 bankruptcy and Chapter 7 bankruptcy as an illustration of the woman "going all the way down." Are you Chapter 11 or Chapter 7?

## PRAY

- + Confess to God how we often we think ourselves just either from a nominal or intellectual understanding of God's grace, our own morality and performance, an arrogant comparison of others, or confidence in our own devotion and stewardship.
- + Ask God to help you realize your own brokenness and need, the massive debt that Jesus Christ paid for you and the amount of love necessitated by such a large amount of grace.
- + Thank God for His overwhelming love and His desire to forgive massive debts to reconcile us to Him.
- + Pray for spiritual renewal and revival in our community.

## PRACTICE

- + Corey said the woman had two profound pieces of knowledge that escaped Simon: "the truth of her own need" and "the truths of Jesus's identity" as her Savior. What is your need? In what facets of your daily life do you rely on yourself as savior? How do you relate your rule-keeping, morality, dependability, and religious devotion to your spiritual qualifications? Work with your spouse, small group, friends, or by yourself to spend some time analyzing your own need and your mechanisms to shore them up yourself.
- + What tangible steps can you take to "go all the way down" and declare your own bankruptcy?
- + As Presbyterians, we're notoriously liable to approach God in the manner of Simon, intellectual, aloof, detached, or symbolically. What can you do to "go all the way in" like the woman of Luke 7?