

# **Broken Before Jesus**

## **Luke 7: 36-50**

As our BPC mission states: We are SHAPED IN COMMUNITY. This Study is intended to be used to encourage you on the journey of being SHAPED! Use it on three separate days over the course of the week.

INTRO: As we grow together for the next several weeks guided by the book of Daniel, remember the following:

1. In this book we find great stories and examples that inform and inspire our identity as called out people – those who live counter-cultural lives so that others may know Him.
2. Daniel is PRIMARILY a book about God and HIS sovereignty versus being primarily a book about Daniel and his character traits.
3. God, in His grace, provides what Daniel (and others) need to live counter-cultural lives. Praise HIM!

### **Day #1 ENGAGE THE WORD**

#### **Use this to personally engage the passage**

- Read Luke 7: 36-50
- Use a meditative practice called Lectio Divina to allow the Word to speak to you.  
*Carefully interpret what you sense from the Word by using the Word itself.*
- Step 1: Read thru the passage slowly. Note each word. Look for repetition, themes, pictures and dialogue. Picture yourself in the scene. Stay alert for a word or phrase that stands out to you.
- Step 2. Read the passage again. Stop at whatever it was that caught your attention. Read that piece over and over.
- Step 3. Focus on why the Holy Spirit might have highlighted those verses specifically for you this day. How might they apply to your life right now? Do they bring to mind a current struggle, relational rift, or something to be thankful for?
- Step 4. Take all your thoughts, feelings and convictions to the Lord in prayer. Praise HIM and take convictions directly to HIM in repentance. Thank Him! Ask the Lord to help you submit to His will.

### **Day #2 ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER**

#### **Use this as you gather to engage the Word together**

- Each person share one thing that struck them from Keon's message.
- Discuss the differences between how Simon the Pharisee sees himself and how the woman sees herself.
- How does how they see themselves impact how they see others?
- Can you relate to this?

- A “proper” view of ourselves and a proper view of Jesus allow us to be free to the need to PRETEND or PERFORM.
- **PRETENDING:** WE minimize OUR SIN by pretending. We pretend that we/it is “not that bad”.
- We can discern our tendencies towards pretending by considering where else besides God do we go to get our sense to acceptance, significance, personal credibility, etc...
- **PERFORMING:** We also minimize our sin by performing – acting as if we can earn or already have *earned* God’s favor.
- We can discern our tendencies towards performing by considering our response to the following:
  - As God thinks of you right now, what’s the look on his face?
  - Close your eyes and picture Jesus at the doorway. He enters the room, comes up to you, puts his hand on your shoulder and speaks – what does he say?
- The more we view ourselves “properly” as broken and desperately in need of Jesus, the more properly we view Jesus – and HIS amazing GRACE. Said another way: “Our response to Jesus and our love for Him are directly connected to a proper view of ourselves and others”. (Gospel Transformation Bible) Discuss this.
- When you “see” others do you “see” someone just like you who stands at the base of the cross in desperate need of the shed blood of Jesus? Discuss.
- Pray together, asking the Lord to help each of you see yourselves as broken before Jesus and others that same way. Pray that HIS grace would fill you – that you would be a vessel of grace everywhere you go!

### **Day #3 SURPRISE THE WORLD!**

#### **Use this to go into the world with the Good News**

This week, ask the Lord to help you see someone whom you find hard to love – the same way HE sees that person. Tell someone in your group about your experience.