

Home Group Questions - April 28, 2019

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1. Without sharing the amount, what is the largest debt you've ever owed (for example: house, car, student loans, etc.)? What kinds of thoughts and feelings do you have when you think about your debts?
2. In the Bible, our sin is sometimes described like a debt that we owe to God (think about the Lord's prayer in Matthew 6). And more specifically, our sin is described as a debt that we can never repay on our own. Rather, we must rely on God to take care of the debt for us (see Colossians 2:14).
 - How does thinking about our sins as a debt to God affect the way we view our sin?
 - How does thinking about the fact that God paid that debt affect the way we view God?
3. Read Luke 7:36-50 with your group
 - What thoughts or questions came to mind as you read this passage?
 - In what way are the Pharisee and the woman contrasted in this passage?
 - What does this passage teach us about sin and forgiveness?
 - According to what Jesus says in verse 47, why does this woman have so much affection for Jesus?
 - How does a true understanding of God's forgiveness lead to a true love for God?
 - When and how are we tempted to take on the mindset of the Pharisee in this story?
4. Pray with your group. Thank the Lord for forgiving our debt to Him. Ask the Lord to help us fight to temptation to compare our sins with the sins of others.