



Close Encounters (Of the Heavenly Kind)
A Heart of Worship
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WHEN WE HAVE A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH JESUS...

1. COME WITH A _____ OF _____.

“A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee’s house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them” (Luke 7:36-38).

2. COME WITH A _____ OF _____.

“Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said” (Luke 7:41-43).

3. COME WITH A _____ OF _____.

“Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little” (Luke 7:47).

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. In Jesus’ day there were people who heard of Him, others witnessed His power in others, and others had a close encounter with Him. Which of these best describes your relationship with Jesus and why?
2. Based on Luke 7:36-50, why do you think the woman had a powerful encounter with Jesus while Simon the Pharisee did not?
3. What does Luke 7:36-50 show us about how we should approach Jesus?
4. What does Jesus’ parable in Luke 7:41-42 tell us about our need for a savior?
5. What does this story tell you about Jesus’ love for us?

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