

S.O.A.P. Bible Study
“Jesus Anointed by a Sinful Woman”

S=Scripture: Luke 7:36-50

O=Observation: After reading the text carefully, answer the following questions: Why did Jesus tell this story? Who was Jesus trying to teach in this incident? Who do you think his audience was? Step by step, how does the honor that the woman gave Jesus contrast to how his host treated him? How does shame function in this story? Which one of the two was the greater sinner? At the end of the story, who loved deeply and who was loved equally deeply?

A=Application: If this statement is true: “the more you tell the truth about your need for forgiveness, the more you’ll fall in love with God,” then what truth does God want you to speak?

P=Prayer: Write out a prayer which expresses your own need for God. Include prayers that the “Pharisee” and the “sinner” inside of you (we always have both) might pray.