Pray together to enter the study
Read text aloud (2-3 verses per person)

FRAME *2 min to read aloud*

An eye-witness account of Jesus' life written by Luke, His follower.

Pharisees were Jewish religious leaders and would only eat dinner with those they respected.

A woman touching someone who was not her husband was not considered appropriate.

OBSERVE

5 min to reflect alone, 5 min to all share

Imagine yourself in the story. What do you see, hear, and smell?

Look for repeated words, comparisons, contrasts, and cause and effect.

Note characters, relationships, locations, time, actions, and reactions.

INTERPRET

3 min to gather q's, 12 min to discuss

Develop some questions based on your observations. What stirs your curiosity?

Imagine the perspective of the people in the scene.

Answer your questions from the text and context.

SUMMARIZE & SPOTLIGHT

1 min to read the summary aloud

While Jesus is eating with the Pharisees, He is approached by a sinful woman and forgives her sins because of her devotion and love for Jesus.

3 min to individually write a main point
2 min for all to share, end with leader

WEEK 6: SHARING GRACE AND COMPASSION

Luke 7:36 – 50 (NIV)

36 When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went
to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. 37 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. 38 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.
39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this
man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of
woman she is—that she is a sinner."
40 Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."
"Tell me, teacher," he said.
41 "Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five
hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 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?"
43 Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."
"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.
44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this
woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my
feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 You
did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not
stopped kissing my feet. 46 You did not put oil on my head, but she has
poured perfume on my feet. 47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been
forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little
loves little."
48 Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."
49 The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even
forgives sins?"
50 Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

INVITATION

5 min for individual reflection, 5 min to share as a group

What people in your life need grace and mercy the most (patients, coworkers, classmates, etc.)? How could you change your treatment of them to be more like Jesus and the woman? Write your application from the passage below:

CONCLUDE

5 min to pray for each other and your applications

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