

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF OCT 3 2021

LUKE 7:25-32

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The Friend of Sinners

*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using your sermon notes and your Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

**I. Getting to Know You**

How did you experience God working in your life this week? How can we pray for you?

**II. Digging Deeper**

1. Discuss how the people's responses in Luke 7:31-34 reveal their stubborn refusal to accept truth.
2. How can the same statement (that Jesus is the friend of sinners) be both true and false?
3. How can you become a friend of sinners without condoning sinful behavior or appearing to?

4. How did Jesus' interaction with the people mentioned in the sermon fit their particular circumstances? What can we learn about interacting with unsaved folks from these instances?

5. Discuss the idea that even "good," moral and religious people can be lost (John 3:1-2).

**III. Making it Personal**

6. Who would we as Christians generally consider "lepers" in today's society?
7. Would you call yourself a friend of sinners? Why?
8. Suggest 2 or 3 ways our church could become better at being a friend of sinners.
9. What stood out to you most for this week's study?

**IV. Prayer**