

REMINDER:

- Go to <http://happenings.gracechapelchurch.com/> to view this week's bulletin, order of worship and songs we will enjoy together. Stay connected!
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP SERVE**
Giving food & love to those in need.
 - 2 hours on Tuesday or Wednesday – 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - Commit to one day or more per month
 - Special training on how to give food and encouragement
 - Show the love of Christ...*"I was hungry and you feed me."*
 - For more information contact Ken Whitlow or Hector Valderrama

Know Greater Love The Story of the Cross and a Prostitute

BIG IDEA: God bought a prostitute with the blood of His only Son.

ICE BREAKER

1. Who memorized **Psalm 90:14** and included it in your time of prayer this past week? **Psalm 90:14**
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
2. How were you filled with joy this past week as you were continually reminded of God's unfailing love?

THINK

1. Prostitution...it's called the oldest profession. Describe the life of a prostitute.
2. What are some of the circumstances in life that might cause a person to choose that profession?
3. We typically think of prostitution as the selling of one's body for sexual favors. Here is another definition of prostitution...*"the unworthy use or selling of one's talents for personal or financial gain."* With that definition, how have we all been guilty of prostitution at one time or another?

EXAMINE

1. Have you ever heard that Mary Magdalene was a prostitute?
2. Where in scripture does it say that she was a prostitute?
3. Look up Mary Magdalene in an online Bible Concordance and discuss what we do know about her.
4. Why does thinking of her as a prostitute seem to make her presence at the foot of the cross more significant?
5. What about her as the first person Jesus appears to after the resurrection?
6. Would we think of her differently if we knew she was a good Jewish wife and mother and went to Synagogue every week? Would the cross and the resurrection be as important to her?
7. It has been imagined by many that the woman in **Luke 7** is Mary Magdalene. Read **Luke 7:37-50** and then answer this one question: How would our knowledge of God's love for us change if we all understood that we have been forgiven "*much*" and not just a "*little*"?

THIS WEEK: Think of what you believe to be your worst sin ever. Then think of some sins that you commit on a regular basis but have just dismissed them as not so bad. Then come to know that your worst sin can be forgiven only because of the cross of Christ. But also know that your "not so serious" sins...they also put Jesus on the cross so you could be forgiven. Now that you know there is no greater love...share it. Invite someone to be with us next Sunday as we all need a resurrection because we are all dead in our sins and trespasses!