

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

“The Offense of the Gospel”

Jeff Schulte (guest preacher)
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Message For Your Small Group:

The Daniel Fast at First Prez is on! It's a 21-day fast based on the fasts the prophet Daniel did in the Bible (Daniel chapters 1 and 10). For more info on the fast, check out www.FirstPrezDanielfast.com, where you'll find FAQs, lists of foods to include and exclude from the fast, Daniel Fast recipes, and a 21-day devotional. Fasting is a spiritual discipline to help us develop a closer relationship with our Lord. Join us!

- 1) Have you experienced forgiveness from someone aside from the Lord? If yes, how did it feel like? If you were close to that person, how did it feel like?
- 2) Read Luke 7:36-50. What is the setting in the Scripture passage? What's going on?
- 3) What is the parable in this Scripture passage? Why did Jesus tell the parable?
- 4) Jeff Schulte referred to Romans 5:20 in his sermon. Read the verse out loud and fill in the blank below, which also gives the gist of the verse: The more sin, the more G _ _ _ _.
- 5) What does the phrase (gist) above mean?
- 6) What did the Pharisees feel toward the sinful woman in Luke 7:36-50? Why did they feel that way?
- 7) The sermon title is “The Offense of the Gospel.” Why is the Gospel offensive to some people?
- 8) Jeff Schulte shared two things that proved the sinful woman was truly repentant:
 - She turned to J _ _ _ _.
 - She clearly saw her N _ _ _ _.
- 9) When the sinful woman turned to Jesus, what did she bring with her? What did she experience when she did that?
- 10) When we don't see our need for Jesus, or when we minimize (deny) our sins, what else are we minimizing in the process?
- 11) When we bring our needs to God, what does God give to us?