| **Discussion Title**: Are You in Touch? | **Category**: Lifestyle |
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**Opening:**

Have everyone in the group share one good quality and one bad quality about themselves.

Pick 6 individuals to share. 5 minutes total.

**Q. Do you think you have an accurate assessment of yourself? (In touch)**

**Q. Is it possible you have an inaccurate assessment of you? (Out of touch)**

- Yes. Distorted, too optimistic, too pessimistic, etc.

**Q. Has another person ever had an inaccurate assessment of you? When?**

- We can have a distorted view of ourselves, and other people can certainly have a warped assessment of us as well.

**Q. What is the true assessment of who you are?**

- What God thinks – His view is the correct view; it is unbiased and it counts.

**Q. Do you think most people have an accurate view of themselves?**

This study is entitled "Are You in Touch?" We will look at two people. One was very in touch, and one was out of touch.

**Lesson:**

**Luke 7:36-50** (Story of the Sinful Women) Recap

Pick 1-2 individuals to answer each question (Q).

Keep track of time during the discussion. Keep the discussion focused and on point. Avoid going off on a tangent topic.

Additional notes:

**Q. What kind of reputation did the women have?**

- Public reputation as a sinner! Perhaps prostitute, adulteress, town drunk, gossip, busybody, etc.

**Q. What did she risk by coming to Jesus?**

- Her pride, her self-worth, and every shred of dignity she had left

**Q. How did this woman demonstrate humility?**

- Just coming to the Pharisee's house, overcoming her fears and doubts
- Crying and weeping in front of all those people
- Washing Jesus' feet with her hair, kissing his feet, anointing his feet with perfume

**Q. Why did she humble herself?**

- She had an accurate view of who she was and of who Jesus was!
- She was in touch with where she stood in relationship to God.

**Q. What was Simon the Pharisee's attitude?**

- Critical of the woman, critical of Jesus.
- Sarcastic, negative, cynical, judgmental and above all, prideful

Additional notes:

**Q. How did Simon demonstrate pride?**

- He didn't do anything for Jesus, was not focused on the needs of others
- He was totally self-focused; he had a critical, unloving attitude
- He should have been excited about the woman's repentance, but wasn't
- He was blind to what was really going on – pride blinds

**Q. Were the woman's sins worse than Simon's?**

- No, just more visible, but Simon thought that hers were much worse.

**Q. How are we like Simon in our attitudes?**

- Prideful, self-focused
- Out of touch with who we really are, with how we compare with Jesus
- Act like everything is fine, we're doing great
- Criticize others who are humble and getting their lives right with God
- Threatened by righteous or humble people

**Q. How would we act if we were in touch with our sin?**

- Be humble about what kind of sinners we really are
- Be merciful, loving, forgiving of other people
- Be broken-hearted about how our sins have hurt God and hurt others
- Be concerned about what God thinks, not about what other~~s~~ people think

**Q. So how do we get in touch?**

- Stop comparing yourself with people and compare yourself with Jesus
- Get some spiritual people in your life who will tell you the truth
- Read the Bible, study God's word to see how God views your character

**Conclusion:**

Start making the effort to get in touch.
Be encouraged by the faith and courage of the sinful woman.