



Living Water
Church

Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide
or personal devotional guide



Walking on SONshine

Introduction: The scribes and the Pharisees are seeking to find ways to charge Jesus and end his ministry. They interrupt a time of his teaching and humiliate a woman in an attempt to put Jesus to the test.

Text: John 8:1-12

Discussion:

1. Icebreaker: Think of a time in your life when you met someone with a different background or believed differently than you. How did you treat them? What did you do good? What could you have done better?
2. Read John 8:3-6 Why did they bring the woman before Jesus? Did they really care about this lady? Write/Discuss how people use and abuse other people for their own selfish gain?
3. What did the scribes and Pharisees use as their concern to Jesus? How do you see people abusing the Bible for their own sordid gain or purpose? Why is this such a dangerous way to handle scripture?
4. Read Lev. 20:10 and Deut. 22:22. What does the law truly say? How do we know that the scribes and Pharisees were not truly interested in protecting the law of God?
5. Read Jesus' response in John 8:7 How does Jesus uphold the law of Moses by this statement? Why is it important to note that Jesus is not ignoring the significance of her sin? Does he allow for justice to be served through his response?
6. How are we all like the woman in this story? Read Romans 3:23 & Romans 3:10?
7. The woman was caught in adultery and according to the law did deserve death. How are we in the same predicament as this woman in the story? Read Romans 6:23
8. What did Jesus grant to the woman in this story? How does Jesus offer grace to us today?
9. Jesus told this woman to sin no more. This is important to note because Jesus does recognize that she had committed sin. He forgave her and then commanded her to leave her life of sin. Discuss/Write the importance of this fact.
10. Our culture tends to deny sin or views sin as something that is archaic. The belief of offending a Holy God doesn't seem to fit our modern mindset. Many today would argue that this woman was not sinning, but expressing herself. What evidence do you see in our culture that denies that sin is an offense to God?
11. Why is it important to have a correct biblical view rather than adopting the current world view?
12. How does John 8:12 relate to the command that Jesus gave the woman in verse eleven?
13. Jesus loved this woman where she was at, but did not leave her there. LWC sates that we are to "love people where they are at, so they will connect to Jesus." How does Jesus demonstrate this? Why should we not rush to cast a stone at someone? Does loving someone mean that you agree with sinful behavior? We love people where they are so they will connect to Jesus—salvation—and be changed. Jesus calls us to sin no more, not to sin on more.

Think About it:

Jesus was the only one that day that had all authority to cast the first stone. He was sinless and could have carried out the penalty of the law, yet he granted her grace. We all stand guilty before Jesus and are deserving of death and hell. Yet, Jesus offers grace through his sacrifice. All who will repent and trust in Him will be saved. Those he saves, he changes and calls us to live a life free from the chains of sin.

Moving Forward:

Thank God every day for his mercy and grace. Pray for those around you. If there is a friend or co-worker that is not a believer don't cast stones at them this week, rather begin shining the light of Jesus on them. Allow your interactions this week be seasoned with salt and invite them to church with you this Sunday. Walk on SONshine this week and leave your life of sin!