



## Study + Discussion Sheets

[For the Week of July 26<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>]

"Jesus + The Adulterous Woman"

Dig deeper into Sunday's message with our study + discussion questions based on John 8:1-11 and the July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 sermon, **Jesus + The Adulterous Woman** which is Part 8 of our *Encountering Jesus* teaching series...

### READ JOHN 8:1-11

1. Imagine the situation and this scene. What would be the emotions of the woman as she is "caught in the act" of adultery and as she is marched to the temple court? What is the emotional element gripping the woman's accusers? What's driving their actions?
2. The punishment for adultery is specified in Lev. 20:10 "If a man commits adultery with the wife of his neighbor, both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." What does the absence of the adulterous man suggest may have happened? We know from previous passages in John that Jesus was well aware of the Pharisees contempt for him and the desire of the Jewish leaders to kill him. Jesus even confronts them about this very fact as he was in the temple just days earlier during the Festival of the Booths. In what way have the scribes and Pharisees laid a trap for Jesus? What would the Jewish leaders do if Jesus said to stone her? What would happen if Jesus said to let her go? Why do you think Jesus not directly confront the scribes and Pharisees about their hidden agenda as he did in chapter 7? What may have Jesus been concerned about?
3. After Jesus springs the trap in verse 7, why do you think the Pharisees and teachers leave rather than stone the woman? What is the significance of Jesus' question to the woman in verse 10? What was Jesus' attitude toward her? Was he condoning the woman's sin by not condemning her in verse 11? What parallels are found in Jesus' words to the man he healed in John 5:14 and the adulterous woman in John 8:11?
4. How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face some of the sins you struggle with? Jesus loves and accepts us "as is". Does that free you to change? Why?
5. What can you learn from Jesus about helping someone who has fallen into sin?
6. John 1:14 says of Jesus "And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth." In what way does the John 8:1-11 passage exemplify his grace and truth?
7. Think of a time when someone hurt or offended you. Were you willing to forgive them? How did it feel to forgive? Now think of a time when you were the one that hurt or offended another. Were you forgiven by them? How did it feel to be forgiven? What is the similarity of being forgiven and forgiving yourself? How is it different?
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### Assignment for the week:

Thank God for his willingness to forgive you. Ask him to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness in your relationship with others. Seek ways to emulate the penetrating grace and truth of Jesus with someone you need to forgive or someone whose sin has been exposed. Approach one from whom you need to seek forgiveness with grace and humility and endeavor to resolve a difficult situation.

### NOTES:

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