



KNOW FEED GUARD SHARE

SHARE YOUR HEART (John 8:1-11)

Community Group Discussion Guide

As a group of religious leaders herded an adulterous woman toward Jesus, they couldn't know they were carrying her within a stone's throw of grace. Their hope was to discredit Him. If He told them to let the woman go, they could claim He was breaking Mosaic law. But if He condemned her to death, the crowds following Him would have dismissed His words of mercy and grace.

But Jesus turned the tables on the accusers. Scripture says that rather than answering them directly, He started writing on the ground. When the leaders continued to question Him, He invited any of them who had never sinned to throw the first stone, and then He started writing on the ground again. The next time He looked up, all the accusers were gone.

Now the only person who could have thrown a stone—the only sinless one—looked at the woman and gave her mercy. “‘Then neither do I condemn you,’ Jesus declared. ‘Go now and leave your life of sin’”

CONVERSATION STARTER

The woman caught in adultery was shown incredible mercy, share an example of a time when someone was merciful to you.

GETTING INTO THE SCRIPTURES

Read aloud Mark 12:28-31 & John 8:1-11.

Pastor Jason said “**Christians, who are sincerely committed to following their example Jesus Christ, need to practice an audacious love that seeks to heal and not tear down others.**” In what ways do you see the church tearing down others? Was there a time you felt rejected or judged by someone in a church? What happened?

LOVE WITH EMPATHY. Do you find it easy or difficult to practice empathy? How comfortable are you listening to or caring for someone who is hurting?

LOVE WITH COMPASSION. Who in your life could be encouraged by you serving them in some way?

LOVE BY DROPPING YOUR STONES. We can love as Christ did by letting go of our bias and judgement of others. What bias can you identify in your heart and how can the Holy Spirit to help you let it go?

MAKING IT REAL

During this series we have focused on the fact that improving the health of Your heart will improve the health of your walk with Christ. What step(s) do you need to take to improve the health of your spiritual heart? Who will be holding you accountable for your next steps?