



Sermon Discussion Guide

03.30.25 Message | David Beuttel | John 8:1-12

Key Scripture (ESV):

"but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more."

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

- John 8:1-11;12

Message Highlights:

- Jesus has divine authority as the light of the world, not merely a teacher.
 - The Law reveals our guilt; we are more sinful than we dare admit.
 - God's love, through Jesus, offers grace when condemnation is deserved.
 - Light doesn't just expose darkness; it brings clarity, peace and purpose.
 - In Christ, you never have to walk in darkness again.
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CONVERSATION STARTER

- As a child, what specifically did you fear about the dark (monsters, the unknown, etc)?



DISCUSS THE MESSAGE

- During the sermon, David said that Jesus' authority wasn't just moral but divine. What does that change about how we respond to his words?
- David mentioned that "The law reveals our guilt." How have you seen that to be true in your own life?
- From the message, we heard that "Grace doesn't ignore sin; it rescues us from it." What does that rescue look like in your story?
- David said, "You never have to walk in darkness again." What helps you remember that on difficult days?
- David said light and darkness require effort and energy. How does that change your perspective on actively walking in the light?

THINK DEEPER (Does your group understand the passage?)

- Why do you think Jesus chose to write in the sand instead of answering right away? (John 8:6)
- What significance do you see in Jesus saying, "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone"? (John 8:7)
- How does the woman's interaction with Jesus reflect both justice and mercy? (John 8:10-11)
- Jesus says, "I am the light of the world" right after forgiving the woman. What connection do you see there? (John 8:12)
- What does it mean to "never walk in darkness again" in a world full of hardship and sin? (John 8:12)

THINK LIFE CHANGE (Does your group recognize the personal implications for them as individuals?)

- What does it look like in your life to walk in the light daily? Do you generally think in this way? What are some small but significant changes you can make to think as a person who walks in the light?
- What are some feelings of guilt or shame that you need to bring into the light of grace?



- Do you ever struggle with feeling condemned? What would it look like to live with the confidence that you are not condemned in Christ? How can choosing to walk in the light and making the practical steps above a reality help with this?
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THINK ENGAGE (Does your group know how to apply the challenge?)

- What does it mean to "shine as lights" in your daily environment? (Philippians 2:14-16)
 - Identify one person in your life who needs to see that light and grace lived out. How can you make that happen over the next 48-72 hours?
 - Consider your story. How can your story of grace invite someone else out of their darkness?
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THINK KINGDOM (Does your group understand the overarching Kingdom, that the work we do is bigger than ourselves?)

- In light of what we've discovered through the message, what mission has the Lord given you this week? How does understanding Jesus' divine authority change how we see his mission in the world?
- In what ways does walking in light disrupt the chaos of this world?
- What are some practical ways we can help others move from condemnation to purpose, like Jesus did with the woman?