

Lessons On Sin

John 8:1-11

“When Jesus stood up, He said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, Lord,” she answered. “Neither do I condemn you,” said Jesus. “Go, and from now on do not sin anymore.” - John 8:10-11

Main Point: When sin is dealt with there is nobody beyond the grace of the cross

Introduction: Use the following questions to introduce the topic of discussion -

Describe a time when you “missed the mark” in sports or a game. Who was there to see it?

Share a time when you learned one of life’s lessons the hard way. Looking back now, would you thank the people who brought your wrong doing to light? Why or why not?

It’s hard to watch the news and see the evil in the world today. When people do wrong there is a longing for justice on behalf of those who were wronged. When criminals get off scott free it’s hard to swallow. Jesus met a woman in our text today who did something terrible and her sin was exposed to the community. He could have taken a hard line and dished out some justice, but instead he took a different approach and introduced her to grace. We learn from Jesus’ example that where there is sin there is grace, and there is no sin beyond his forgiveness.

Read John 8:1-11. The first lesson in sin is:

1) **YOUR SIN WILL EVENTUALLY BE BROUGHT TO LIGHT.** (vv.1-4)

What kind of sin/darkness was this woman living in? Read **Leviticus 20:10** and **Deuteronomy 22:22-24** for the Law of Moses to which they referred.

Why were the scribes and Pharisees accusing her? Knowing the Law they spoke of, do you believe their motives were pure? Why or why not?

Read **John 3:19-20**. Why do you think this woman chose to live in darkness and sin although she most likely knew the consequences? What is so hard about having the skeletons in our closet exposed?

Read **Hebrews 4:13**. Can we really fool God about our sinfulness and dark secrets?

2) **YOUR SIN CARRIES WITH IT A HEAVY COST.** Read **JOHN 8:5-9.**

What penalty did the Pharisees want the adulteress to pay for her sin? Read **Romans 6:23** and **Proverbs 10:16**. What does the Bible have to say about the cost of our sin?

Read **Ephesians 2:1-3**. What does this passage say about our position with God when we are living in the flesh or our sinful nature?

David was weighed down by the same sinful act. Read his words in **Psalm 51:1-4**. What action does he say God is rightful in taking? (v.4) What does he say is God's desire for those weighed down? (**Ps. 51:16-17**) Discuss.

3) **THE COST OF YOUR SIN CAN BE ERASED. Read JOHN 8:7-11.**

Jesus did not condemn the woman for her sin, but does that mean he condones her actions? What from these verses convinces you?

Read **2 Corinthians 5:17,21** and **Romans 4:25**. According to these verses, what has Jesus done on our behalf and how do we benefit?

Psalm 103:12 says "as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." How does this verse encourage you when considering the sin in your own life?

Apply It:

What areas of your life do you struggle with sin? What sin in your life would you erase if you could? When the adulteress was brought to Jesus here misdeeds were made public, but it began the process of healing. What sin might you confess to your brother or sister in Christ this week to start that process yourself? Be confident and know that God will erase your sin and make you new!

Pray:

Lord, thank you for the paying the price for our sin. We look to you alone for our salvation and pray each one here would trust in your grace to find forgiveness. As your children we know you are faithful and just to forgive the sinner. Let us forgive those around us as a way of showing your love.

Coming up at VillageChurch:

March 18th - The BIG Serve (Prayer walks, street clean up, Yard work for disabled, Music outreach)

March 31st - Easter Eggstravaganza (Sign up to work a station; fill goody bags and click eggs!)

April 1st - Easter Sunday (VillageKids Choir singing)

April 22nd - BIG Tent Revival

May 13th - Mother's Day: Baby Dedication, VillageKids Choir singing