



## ENGAGE

Break the Ice: (The purpose of these first questions is to help your group open up. Please don't feel like you have to ask each question. You may even have a better question. Once you feel that the group is engaged, move on to the "Inspire" section.)

- Describe a time from your childhood when you were caught doing something wrong. What was your normal punishment?
- What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out?

Prayer: Take some time to pray for God's Spirit to speak to your group through His Word.

## INSPIRE

(Since the group may need time to process each question, don't let silence scare you. Try to avoid filling the space with unnecessary explanation or moving on from the question too quickly.)

As a group, read John 7:53-8:11 out loud before you start.

1. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus and asked Him how they should deal with her.
  - What do you think motivated the scribes and Pharisees to ask Jesus this question?
  - How did Jesus respond to the men?
  - What do you think Jesus wrote in the dirt?
  - What was He trying to convey to them?
  - What did Jesus say to the woman? In what ways is His statement to her significant to us today?
2. In this passage, we see that Jesus is the perfect picture of compassion and justice. He did not condone the woman's sin, but he also didn't condemn her.
  - How can we learn from Jesus' example in how we treat people around us?
  - Knowing that Jesus doesn't condemn us for our sin, what should our response to Him be? What would an unhealthy response to Jesus' mercy look like?
  - Have others looked down on you for something you've done in the past? If so, share with the group.
3. One thing we need to learn is to stand before Jesus and listen when he speaks.
  - Are you currently setting aside time to spend with Jesus and listen to His voice? If so, how has it impacted you? If not, what steps do you need to take to do this on a regular basis?
  - What is the difference between feeling convicted and feeling condemned?



# EQUIP

(These questions will challenge your group members to apply the study to their daily lives. It is highly important that you go over this section with your group each week for the group study to be a success. Set aside 15-20 minutes at the end of your study to go over this section.)

Jesus' offer of grace and mercy to sinners is extended equally to the scribes, Pharisees, and the woman. He invites both the scribes and Pharisees and the woman to begin new life anew in the present moment. They are invited to give up old ways and enter a new way of life.

- Who do you tend to identify with in the story: the scribes and Pharisees who were quick to condemn, the woman who stood condemned, or Jesus who extended grace?
- When you consider a person who has a reputation of sinning, do you have a tendency to condemn them or extend grace to them?
- Are there any sins in your life that you take too lightly or too seriously?

Prayer:

- Take some time to pray over each group member's identified action steps and life issues.

Equip Your Mind:

"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.'" (John 8:7, ESV)