

Tenacious Love: Compassionate Conviction

GETTING STARTED

ICE BREAKER: Tell about a time as a child when someone tattled on you.

KEY THOUGHT: *Jesus confronts sin with compassionate conviction.*

GETTING THE POINT

Read John 8:2-11

1. How are the religious leaders trying to trap Jesus here?
2. What would happen if Jesus let this woman go? What if He condemned her?
3. How does Jesus' genius response avoid the trap?
4. What do you make of Jesus writing in the sand while delaying His answer to the religious leader pressing Him?
5. How does this scene capture Jesus being full of grace and truth?

GETTING DEEPER

Read John 1:14

1. What evidence from the Gospels tells us that Jesus was convinced that Scripture is truth?
2. What evidence from the Gospels demonstrates that Jesus was full of compassion?

GETTING PERSONAL

1. Are you more likely to condemn or condone someone headed in a bad direction? Why do think this is?
2. Does Jesus' response to the woman encourage you personally to change, or does it support your own sinful behavior?
3. Have you personally, or has someone you know enabled a drug addict? Why is it sometimes difficult to recognize enabling as a problem?
4. In what way is drug addiction a sin?
5. How does a response of compassionate conviction help someone who is addicted to drugs (or any other sin)?
6. What did you find insightful or personally helpful about Cheryl Lewis' testimony?
7. How, and to whom, can you show compassionate conviction this week?

PRAYER