

LESSON 2

JESUS AND THE SINNER

TO BEGIN...

1. Who was your first crush? Did you ask the person out on a date? If so, what happened? If not, why not?

2. Share one of the most embarrassing things that has ever happened to you.

DISCUSSION PROMPTS

1. Why did the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law hate Jesus? How is grace a threat to legalism?

2. According to Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 22:22-24, both the man and the woman were to be held accountable for their sin. Why do you believe the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law only brought the woman to Jesus?

3. How were the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law attempting to trap Jesus?

4. Read Jeremiah 17:13. How might this be the answer to what Jesus was writing on the ground in John 8:6?

5. According to what Caleb said in the video lesson, why did the people not throw any stones in John 8:7-9?

6. According to John 8:11, Jesus accepts the woman but doesn't agree with her sin. What is the difference between acceptance and agreement? How might our understanding of "acceptance vs agreement" help us to minister to those who are struggling with sin?

7. How is love the tension that we feel between grace and truth?
Who is the messy person (or persons) in your life that you need to love "in the tension of grace and truth"?

PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

1. Reflect on any questions that your group did not answer or that you want to process at a deeper level.
2. Each day this week, read John 8:2-11 in a different Bible version.
3. Read Deuteronomy 24:1-4; Ezekiel 16:37-39; 23:29; Jeremiah 3:8; 13:22-26; Hosea 2:2-5; and Nahum 3:5. According to these verses, what were some other consequences for adultery besides capital punishment?
4. John 1:14 & 17 refer to Jesus coming with both grace and truth. How do you see grace and truth in John 8:11? How do you see grace and truth in John 3 and John 4?
5. What can Jesus and this story teach you about helping friends who are struggling with sin? What can you learn about how Jesus feels about you when you are struggling with sin?