



Weekend Resources

July 26, 2026

Week 1 - Judgment & Criticism

Use these questions and resources during your study time or with your group.

RECAP: Not everything that looks spiritual reflects Jesus. Sometimes the most faithful thing you can say is: "That ain't it." And then follow Him into something better.

MAIN POINT

- Drop the Stone

GETTING STARTED

- **What's something you've judged too quickly at first—but ended up loving?** (A food, TV show, hobby, vacation spot, etc.)

SCRIPTURE

- [John 8:2-11, John 7:24, Matthew 18:15, 1 Corinthians 5:12, John 3:17](#)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The religious leaders brought a woman's sin before Jesus, but they missed seeing her as a person. **What stands out to you about the way Jesus responded to her? What does this reveal about the heart of God toward people who are broken?**
- Jesus challenged the crowd by saying, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone." **Why do you think this moment was so powerful? What makes it difficult for us to recognize our own need for grace?**
- Jesus told the woman, "Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin." **How do these two truths — grace and transformation — belong together? Why do we sometimes lean toward one without the other?**

APPLICATION

- **Jesus didn't just tell the crowd to stop judging others; He invited them to recognize their own need for grace.** Where do you find yourself more often — holding a stone toward someone else or carrying a stone of shame yourself?
- Who is someone God may be inviting you to see with more compassion instead of criticism? What would it look like to "drop the stone" in that relationship?
- What "stone" are you most tempted to hold onto right now — judgment toward someone else, resentment, pride, shame, or something else? What would it look like to release it to Jesus?

RESOURCES

- **Closing Prayer:** Jesus, thank you for meeting us with both grace and truth. Thank you that you don't ignore our sin, but you also don't define us by our worst moments. Help us recognize the stones we are carrying — the ones we throw at others and the ones we use against ourselves. Give us humble hearts that receive your forgiveness and courageous hearts that follow you into transformation. Teach us to see people the way you see them and to live as people who have been set free. Amen.