



# DIGGING DEEPER

## Week 10: You don't know me!

Throughout this series we are looking at the Gospel of John! We are reading through this book to focus on the life and ministry of Jesus to better see how he is working in our personal lives and church. Our hope is that studying this Gospel will allow you to follow Jesus in a deeper and more meaningful way.

This weekend Josh walked us through the story of the woman caught in adultery. In the story, the religious leaders thought they were bringing a sinful woman to trial and Jesus flipped the narrative. He caused them to confront their own sin in their lives providing mercy over judgment for the woman. But he leaves her with a challenge that all of us who have ever experienced mercy need to hear: I forgive you, now leave the life that lead you here. Life with Jesus means that we are always called into more and better and need to leave behind that entrapment of a life in sin.

## DISCUSS

**Opening Question:** Share with the group when you personally experienced mercy over judgment for something that you did.

Have your group open their Bible or Bible apps and pray for the Spirit to work in your hearts and minds as you read through the Key Scripture.

1. Who of these people in the story do you most relate to?
2. Do you find that your experience in family is rooted more in condemnation or forgiveness? What does it mean to you personally to be invited into a family where mercy triumphs over judgment?
3. Why do you think that the elder religious leaders left first? When has time provided you with a better perspective?
4. How often do you find yourself judging other people? How do you break that habit?

## WRAP UP

Read James 2:12-13. As a small group family, take time to pray for each other and if necessary forgive each other.

## KEY SCRIPTURE

### John 8:1-11 (NIV)

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

<sup>2</sup> At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. <sup>3</sup> The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group <sup>4</sup> and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. <sup>5</sup> In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" <sup>6</sup> They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.

But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. <sup>7</sup> When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." <sup>8</sup> Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

<sup>9</sup> At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. <sup>10</sup> Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?"

<sup>11</sup> "No one, sir," she said.

"Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

