

OPENING QUESTIONS:

Have you ever encountered this passage and noticed the notes that explained that some manuscripts don't include this story? Do you think this passage should be included in Scripture? Why or why not?

Last question regarding this... How should our attitudes be towards one another when we disagree on this or any other doctrinal issue?

Remember: the less than 1% of variants in the Bible do not pertain to any important doctrinal issues.

READ... JOHN 8:1-11 What was the Pharisees' real reason for bringing this woman to Jesus? What were they trying to accomplish? Where do you think the man was? How does this seem similar to our culture today?

ASK What are some of the things people speculate that Jesus may have been writing in the ground? What did Jesus mean in verse 7? Without any sin? What sin is Jesus talking about?

ASK Why do you think the older ones were walking out first? What does it mean that Jesus was the only one left (He was the only perfect one without sin that could condemn her)?

Why didn't Jesus condemn her since she had sinned? Is Jesus being lenient on sin? Why wasn't He more harsh on her adultery?

READ... JOHN 8:12-31

ASK What is the "Light of life"? What does it mean that Jesus is the Light of the world? What does it mean that Jesus is the Light of the world? Are there many sources of truth?

Where can we find spiritual truth? Who is walking in darkness? What is darkness? What does this verse show our responsibility is towards Jesus?

What will the effective difference in our lives be after we have the Light in us and are no longer walking in darkness?

TALK ABOUT Why did the Pharisees say Jesus' testimony was not true? Why was it true even if Jesus did speak by Himself?

What is the difference between how they made decisions/testified and how Jesus did?
How can we know God?

Why were they still not seizing Jesus?

TAKE TIME TO PRAY: Ask God to remove any and all judgement of others sin from your mind and heart.

*** LEAD the group through a time of mediation and picturing themselves alone with Jesus. Alone in our sin, but alone with the judge of our sin, and the One who chooses not to condemn.

HOUSEKEEPING:

EXTRA READING: Read the rest of JOHN 8 this week!

Encourage the group to get to it on their own in their personal time with God.