

## **Group Questions – Joshua 20 – Our City of Refuge**

***Share a time in life when you felt very secure and safe.***

***What was it that made you feel secure and safe?***

**Read** – ALL of Joshua chapter 20

Then... **Read** – Deuteronomy 19:1-13

Cities of refuge were GOD'S IDEA to protect people who accidentally killed another person.

***What does the creation of cities of refuge reveal about God's heart for us?***

**Read** – Hebrews 6:18

***Where (who) is our "city of refuge"?***

In Israel, you were safe in a refuge city, only if you ACCIDENTALLY killed someone.

**Read** – Romans 10:13

***According to this verse, who is allowed to run to the Lord for safety?***

***How is this different than the city of refuge in Israel's day?***

**Read** – John 8:2-11

***Was the woman's sin accidental or pre-meditated?***

Jesus said anyone without sin should cast the first stone. Jesus was the only one there without sin.

***What can we learn from the fact that Jesus did not stone this woman?***

It has been said, "We want judgment for others, but mercy for ourselves."

***What does that statement mean?***

***What makes us quick to judge other people?***

Pastor Nate mentioned that we live in a “CANCEL CULTURE”

***What causes us to want to “cancel” or “cut off” other people?***

**Read** – Proverbs 19:11

***What does this say we should do regarding those who wrong us?***

**Read** – Numbers 35:26-28

If the manslayer left the city, the avenger of blood was allowed to kill him.

***How can this relate to us and our relationship with our “city of refuge” – Jesus?***

The manslayer was completely free, once the High Priest died.

**Read** – Hebrews 4:14-16

***What has Jesus’ death (our Great High Priest) done for us?***

Pastor Nate shared how the church can also be a “city of refuge” for us.

***How has the church been a place of refuge for you?***

***Have you ever wandered away from Jesus and His body, the church?***

***What made you come back?***

Pastor Nate shared how many people get close to the “city of refuge” – Jesus, but never go “all the way in” to the city/Jesus and remain there.

***Why do some people get close, but refuse to go all the way in?***

***How can we know if we have gone “ALL IN” to Jesus?***