



**“Encounters with Jesus”**  
**Life Group Questions: Week 4**  
**John 7:53-8:11: Woman Caught in Adultery | October 1, 2023**

1. In Steven’s weekly email to the church, he previewed the textual criticism issues surrounding the inclusion of this passage. Henry did a much better job explaining in person! When you read this passage, a simple conclusion might be, “That’s *so* Jesus!”
  - a. What specifically from this passage reminds you of the character and heart of who Jesus really is?
2. What else stuck out to you from Henry’s sermon this week? What is God teaching or reminding you of as a result?
3. How does Jesus help us have a high view of sin and an even higher view of grace?
  - a. Consider: Imagine someone at Faith Church was caught in an affair. How would Jesus in this passage lead us to handle that? How might you interact with that person as a church member?
4. When have you felt shame and/or disgrace over your sins? How does this passage encourage us with truth in those times?
5. Jesus does a few subtle things in this passage to serve and protect the woman. In doing so, Jesus communicates dignity and worth to her.
  - a. Do you remember what two actions Henry pointed us to consider? *Leader Tip: Jesus writing un the ground took attention off the woman and onto him (1) and in addressing her as “Woman,” Jesus is using a word that in that context was a kind, respectful, dignified way to address someone (2).*
  - b. In what ways has Jesus acted in your life to communicate similar things to you?

6. Read this statement as a group, pause for reflection, and then share what God brings to mind. “As these men gather around this woman, rocks in hand, there’s only ONE man there without sin, ONE who could *actually* throw a stone and he has no desire to. In fact, not only does Jesus not condemn her, he *dies* a condemned man in our place so that she can go free. *That’s* what Jesus did for us.”

\*\*\*After spending a moment or two responding, spend some intentional time in prayer as a group, praying specifically for those in your life who need an encounter with Jesus.\*\*\*