

Sermon Discussion Questions

God Is Relational - Shame Off You – Kim May

21 June 2026

Sermon Text: Genesis 9:18-28

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Relational Time – 20-30 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

RELATIONAL TIME (20-30 min)

Have everyone in the group use one word to describe how they feel **physically**, **emotionally**, **mentally**, and **spiritually**. (Physically I feel _____. Emotionally I feel _____. ...)

Have each person expand on one of the ways they are feeling by using the **IFAB** method: “**I** feel _____ **a**bout _____ **b**ecause _____.” (For example, “**I feel frustrated about the sudden change of plans because I rearranged my schedule for a different time.**”)

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

In the final week of our God Is Relational series (this one really is the final week), Pastor Kim takes a look at shame and our response to the struggles of others. How many of us are carrying a shame God never intended us to bear? This week, pastor Kim explores that God’s way is not “shame on you” but rather “shame off you” in his message entitled **Shame Off You**. Looking at the stories of Noah and then the woman caught in adultery, we discover the difference between exposing someone’s failure and covering them with love, honor, and grace. Jesus never ignored sin, but He refused to define people by it. As followers of Christ, we’re called to honor one another, forgive freely, and refuse to expose the weaknesses of others. We are called to be people who declare: “Shame off you.” Let’s dive in and find out more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to let the Holy Spirit show something in your life where you might need to repent. (Maybe not repent of some terrible sin in your life, but repent for not having a broken and contrite heart?) Did the Holy Spirit bring something to mind? Are you willing to enter into suffering so the Holy Spirit can bring healing? Share with your group.
2. What is something that stood out to you from the message this week?
3. When shame is off us, great things happen. Besides the example Pastor Kim gave about speedskater Dan Jansen, can you think of other times, maybe even in your own life, when great things happen when shame is off us?
4. When we start to talk about someone’s weakness or sin, we enter dangerous territory. How easy is it for us to enter this dangerous territory with our words? What should our response be to others’ weakness or sin? How might we even avoid even looking at someone else’s sin? What should that look like?

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. What is your favorite type of melon? (Watermelon? Cantelope? Honey Dew? Something else?)
2. What is one of your favorite summer-time activities?
3. What one piece of advice would you have for a younger you?

5. Read John 8:1-11. The Pharisees put the woman's shame on display and eradicated her worth. Guilt is about personal behavior. Shame is about exposing behavior which devalues personal worth. What did Jesus do? How can we live out His example?

6. God created us with dignity. He bestowed dignity on us. What are some ways we can restore dignity in a person's life who is struggling with guilt and shame? What does that look like for us in a practical way?

APPLICATION

The primary question for relationships is not "Am I right?". The primary question to ask ourselves is "Am I love?" How might our relationships change if we decided to not be right, but instead, be love? Let the Holy Spirit guide you this week to someone who needs to know they are fearfully and wonderfully made. Restore the dignity God gave them by removing their shame. Be love to someone.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can also be found in all three locations.

Kids Camp, 10-2, 8-10 July. Kids ages 4 through outgoing 5th Graders are invited to attend Kids Camp this summer at PowerPlay. Kids will learn about God while having fun with their friends. Camp cost is \$75 and includes a T-shirt, lunch, and an hour of play each day. Registration deadline is 24 June.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+7cr4cdt>

Volunteer at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+mffwbx9>

The PRESS Summer Youth Retreat, 21-24 July, BOLD conference in KC. Retreat cost is \$350 and is for incoming 6th graders - graduating 12th graders welcome! BOLD is a powerful gathering of students from across the nation who are passionate about pursuing God. Over four days, students will experience passionate worship, impactful messages, powerful moments of prayer, and opportunities to grow deeper in their faith alongside thousands of other young people. Registration deadline is 1 July.

Register at: <https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sck84cc>

The Call - Men's Breakfast, 25 July, 9:00-11:00, New Wine Church building, 7102 N. Prospect Ave Gladstone, MO. All men are invited to The Call – Men's Breakfast, a special gathering for men to connect, grow, and be refreshed. There will be powerful ministry, heartfelt prayer, and an inspiring devotion to encourage you in your walk. And don't worry about breakfast—food will be provided, so come hungry and ready for fellowship. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge and strengthen your faith alongside other men! See you there!

FINAL THOUGHT

**Being love in relationships is always right!
Because God is relational and God is love.**