

Weekend Message Questions

John: A Cast of Characters

Jesus & Women

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CHECK-IN: Check with the members of your group to see how they are doing.

- Do you have any plans for spring break or anything you are looking forward to this month?
- How has this series about the stories of the people in John impacted your faith or how you live out your faith?

READ: John 4:5-10, John 4:15-18, John 4:28-30

- What stands out to you in these passages?
- *Jesus breaks barriers and builds bridges.*
- Do you know someone who is really good at breaking barriers and/or building bridges? What is that person like? What kind of impact does that person have on the people around them?
- What are some external factors in your life that might make it difficult for you to break barriers and build bridges (where you live, your schedule, lack of resources, etc.)? What are some internal things that might make it difficult (fear, unresolved personal issues, etc.)?
- For you personally, is breaking barriers and building bridges something that comes naturally to you or something you have to put effort into? Why do you think that is?

READ: John 8:1-11

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- Like the Pharisees in this story, it can be easy for us to focus on what is going on in someone else's life and ignore our own sin. Why do you think this is so common?
- *Jesus led with grace, and offered accountability.*
- In your own life, have you ever received grace without accountability, or accountability without grace? What were the results of one without the other?
- Is it difficult for you to accept grace, or is it difficult for you to accept accountability, or do you struggle accepting both? Why?
- How would accepting grace and accountability for yourself, and leading with grace and accountability impact your life and those around you?

DISCUSS:

- Jesus didn't ignore these women, he engaged with them. Today in our world, and in your life personally, who is easily ignored? What would it look like to engage with them like Jesus did?
- What are some practical things you can do in your life to begin or continue breaking barriers and building bridges?
- Do you, or someone you know need grace and accountability? How can you accept those things and/or offer them like Jesus did?

Pray to close.

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