

## John 8

1. When they brought the woman to Jesus, the religious leaders were trying to trap Him. What was the penalty for anyone caught in adultery?

Who established this law?

If Jesus let the woman go, of what would they accuse Him?

If He punished her, of what would they accuse Him?

In what way were the religious leaders themselves "breaking the law"?

2. Do the religious leaders care about the woman? Why or why not?

How do you think the woman felt when they made her stand before the crowd and publicly announced her sin?

How do you feel when someone publicly or privately exposes a sin in your life?

3. In verse 6 we are told Jesus knelt down and wrote on the ground. There is no way of knowing for sure, but what do you think Jesus was writing?
4. Imagine yourself in the crowd, feeling perfectly justified condemning the woman. How would you react to Jesus' remark in v. 7?

5. Can we apply this "principle" to our lives today? If so, what and how?

6. Why do you think the older ones were the first to leave?

What do you think the younger ones were thinking as the older ones began to leave?

What do you think they were thinking when they were the only ones left?

7. As the crowd began to leave, what do think the woman was feeling?

8. Can you remember a time when you were definitely wrong and someone forgave you? How did that make you feel?

What did Jesus' forgiveness do for this guilty woman?

9. What can we learn about confession of sin from this episode?

What can we learn about forgiveness?

10. Why are more eager to condemn other people's sins rather than our own?

11. How would you describe Jesus' attitude toward women (vv 10-11)?

12. Read John 8:12-30. Jesus' first claim is: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." What does it mean to walk in darkness (v. 12)?

What does it mean to you that Jesus is the light of the world?

How has Jesus been the light of your life?

13. What is the significance of Jesus' response in v. 14?

What claim is Jesus making in vv 14-18?

14. How does this claim heighten the tension between Jesus and the Jews (vv. 19-30)?

15. What is Jesus really saying in v. 23?

16. Verse 24 contains the primary reason for Jesus' conversation with the religious leaders. How would you explain the significance of this verse to someone?

17. In verse 28, Jesus says that if we will "lift up the Son of Man" then we will know He is the Christ, the Son of God. What does it mean to "lift up the Son of Man"?

How can we lift up Jesus in our everyday lives?

18. Based on the questions and doubts of the religious leaders, what is ironic about verse 30?

19. Many people quote verse 32. However, Jesus places a condition on this verse. What is it?

How can we "hold" to Jesus' teachings?

How have you been set free by the truth of Jesus Christ?

20. The people respond that they are already free because they had never been a slave to anyone. What was Jesus' response to their claim?

What is the freedom promised by Jesus?

21. Jesus' opponents also claim to have both Abraham and God as their father. According to Jesus, how does their conduct contradict their claim (vv. 39-47)?

Why is our conduct the truest test of our beliefs?

22. What is it about Jesus' statements that make his enemies want to stone him (vv. 48-59)?

23. How was Caiaphas' comment in vv. 49-50 prophetic?

24. In vv. 55-57 why were they looking for Jesus?

What are some of the reasons you came looking for Jesus?

What do you think people are looking for today when they come to Jesus?

25. How can Jesus' responses in this chapter help us deal with people who are hostile to the Gospel?