

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

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The Woman Caught in Adultery - Guilty

John 8:1-11

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
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*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

1. How did your spring break go? When you have time off, what are your preferred activities?

2. Has there ever been a time when you did something wrong, hoping not to get caught, but then you did? How did you feel?

Go
(your group on mission)

Have you thought of a person or persons that you need to invite to Easter services?

Are you praying for them and are you asking for the Holy Spirit to move in a mighty way?

Let's be fearless followers of Jesus Christ and allow our dangerous witness to show the irresistible love of Jesus.

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Scripture:

John 8:11 "She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'"

Discussion:

1. Do you have a certain place where you like to go and be alone, to think and pray, or just "be?" Where or what is that place? What makes it special?

2. Read John 8:1-11

3. Reading the last few verses of Chapter 7, we know that the crowd around Jesus "went to their homes", but verse 1 of Chapter 8 indicates that "Jesus went to the Mount of Olives." Why? Praying and preaching (teaching) go hand in hand. What are your rhythms of retreat, prayer, teaching?

4. Verse 2 indicates Jesus went to the Temple where many came and He sat down and taught them. Imagine having the opportunity to sit and listen to Jesus' teachings! Would you do it? What do you think the crowd thought when the Pharisees brought the woman into the middle of the class? Put yourself in the crowd, how would you have reacted?

5. In verses 3 through 6 the Pharisees "test" Jesus in asking him what He would do in this situation after stating what the Law said. Note Jesus' response. What do you think He wrote? How do you think Jesus was feeling toward the woman? What do you think the woman was feeling?

6. Verse 7 is key to the question/statement Jesus asked/spoke, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her". Why did Jesus do this? What was his point?

7. Jesus returned to His writing in the sand and eventually was alone with the woman. All the Scribes and Pharisees had gone, along with the crowd and not one stone was thrown. Why did they leave? Put yourself in that crowd, what would you have learned about Jesus? What would you have thought about that woman?

8. In the last verses of this passage, we see Jesus' encounter with the woman. How did he approach her? What does that say about Jesus? Look carefully at his words to her, why did He say what He did?

Consider the following: Jesus accepts us and meets us right where we are! We don't have to be perfect to ask Him to come into our lives and live forever. We often come to Him with guilt and we need to listen and hear His words, "Go, and sin no more."

Give
(your group serving each other)

How did Jesus come into your life? How did He meet you where you were? How is He meeting your needs and changing your life today?