

Encountering Jesus
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John 7.53-8.11

Jesus and the Woman Caught in Adultery

- This passage can teach us a lot about how Jesus interacted with people who _____ put their faith in Him, people we would call _____ today.
- This is a helpful story to look at because we all need to know _____ with those outside our faith.

The Big Idea

- When Jesus encountered someone who was far from Him He didn't immediately _____ or _____ them. John 8.10-11, John 3.16-17
- As believers, we aren't called to condemn and judge people _____. 1 Corinthians 5.9-13
- We are called to treat all people with _____, just as Jesus did.

So How Do We Do That?

- As we encounter people who are far from God it can help us maintain perspective if we _____ in mind. John 8.7
- When we lose touch with the depth of our own sinfulness and the grace we ourselves have received, we are less likely to _____ to others.
- Remembering our own need for grace can help us approach others in a way that is _____.

One Last Thought

- We are called to offer grace instead of judgment, but at some point _____. John 8.11
- So love others, and—when the time is right—graciously call them to _____ to God's commandments.

Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

- Do you struggle with any of the ideas that were brought up in the sermon today? When you find yourself in an encounter with someone who is outside the faith, what is your default reaction to them? What kinds of things have helped you interact with those outside the faith family in ways that are grace-filled and loving?
- Why do you think God had you here today? What did you need to hear? How did God speak to you through today's service? What do you need to do in response to today's service?

Some next steps: Here are some things you can do this week to dig deeper:

- Pick one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—the first four books in the New Testament) and read some stories about Jesus when He encountered other people. As you read, pray that God would open your eyes and show you something you might learn from that encounter that you can apply to your life.
- Think about some of the people outside your faith family that you interact with on a regular basis. Spend some time in prayer this week asking God to help you see clearly how you treat them and how you interact with them. Ask God to show you some specific things that you can do to interact with them in a way that is grace-filled and that can ultimately lead them towards Him.

