

Small Group Discussion Guide
The Woman Caught in Adultery

Icebreaker:

- As a child, tell of a time you were caught “red-handed” doing something you should not have done?
- Who has really been a source of encouragement to you?

The story of the woman caught in the act of adultery is a good example of an amazing act of acceptance by Jesus. Even though the Pharisees put a lot of pressure on Jesus to go along with the crowd and condemn this woman, he chose to accept her and encourage her to turn her life around.

Read: John 7:53 - 8:11

1. Why do you think Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground?
a) *to divert attention from the woman* b) *to give himself time to think* c) *to force the accusers to think* d) *to write something for the accusers to see* e) *Other*
2. What was Jesus saying when he said, "if anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone"?
a) *deal with your own sin first* b) *you see in others your own sin* c) *your condemnation of this woman is wrong* d) *Other*
3. What was Jesus' message when he said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin"?
a) *acquittal: "The charges have been dropped."* b) *warning: "I'll let you off this time, but don't do it again."* c) *encouragement: "You are a beautiful person and you don't have to live like you used to."* d) *challenge: "The evidence of forgiveness is a changed life."* e) *Other*
4. When have you felt "tried and convicted" by the crowd?
a) *when I didn't make the team* b) *when I didn't feel good enough to belong* c) *when I was turned down for a job or a promotion* d) *when I stood up for my faith* e) *Other*
5. What do you do when you blow it?
a) *confess it to God and move on* b) *confess it to another person* c) *try to make up for it* d) *shrug it off* e) *Other*
6. When did you come to realize Jesus values you as a person?
a) *when I committed my life to him* b) *when I fully understood what he did for me* c) *when I felt his healing or forgiveness during a difficult time* d) *when I discovered acceptance in a church* e) *I'm not sure how to answer that*
8. How can this group pray for you?