

7. Do Jesus' words in 8:10-11 apply to you? If so, how, and what will you do about this? Ask Jesus for a deep conviction that He does not condemn you and that He invites you to abandon your sin. Rely on His promises in John 8:31-36 to free you from sin. Meditate on some of these verses.

Sermon Notes

"When the Sinless One Does Not Condemn"

John 7:53 – 8:11

August 7, 2016

Introduction:

Let's Pray:

Thank God for his willingness to forgive you. Ask him to cultivate a spirit of forgiveness in your relationships with others.

1. A Unique Passage

2. The Focal Point: _____

3. The Application for Us

Conclusion:

3. How quick are you to want to throw stones at others? Are you ever like the woman's accusers?

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 8-07-16

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., *John: Life Change Series*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, pp. 101-3; Jim Petersen, *Living Proof*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1989, pp. 230; James Galvin, ed., et al., *New Testament Lesson Maker*, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 168.

Getting Started:

1. Which is harder for you: to forgive or to seek forgiveness? Why?

4. Why do we rush to point out other people's sin?

5. In 8:7, is Jesus saying that no judge has the right to pass sentence unless he is sinless? Why or why not? What are the implications of this view for a legal system, a family, or a church?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read John 7:53 – 8:11. Unlock some of the emotional background of this encounter. Put yourself in the place of the characters in the story.
 - a. How do you think the woman feels when she is publically accused?
 - b. What emotions grip the woman's accusers?
 - c. While it is obvious that the woman is guilty, what elements of a setup can you find in this situation?
 - d. What impressions of Jesus were you left with?

6. What was Jesus' goal for the woman, rather than punishing her as she deserved?

What can we learn from this passage about Jesus' attitude toward us, even when we feel awful about ourselves?