

Community Group Discussions

Jesus out of the box - Forgiveness

Icebreakers:

- How does the world define forgiveness?
- What are some of the differences between forgiveness defined by the world and forgiveness found in Christ?

Let's take a look at the following story of Christ: John 8:1-11

¹but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴they said to him, "Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" ⁶This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." ⁸And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. ¹⁰Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on, sin no more."

- **What do we learn about forgiveness from the scribes & Pharisees?**
- **What do we learn about forgiveness from the woman caught in adultery?**
- **What do we learn about forgiveness from Jesus?**

What do these scriptures teach us about forgiveness?

Psalms 103:10-12

1 John 1:8-9

Colossians 3:13

Romans 12:18-21

Closing thoughts:

What are ways we can shine a light into a world as Christians who have found forgiveness in Christ?