

## WOMEN OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

**Pray** and ask God to help you to know Him better as you study His Word.

**Read** the Bible passage (preferably without using commentaries).

**Begin** to answer the questions using your own words.

*Questions are based on the New International Version (NIV) 2011 edition.*

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### LESSON 8

1. What truth, verse or insight from last week's study of the **Samaritan Woman** was helpful to you?

#### SECTION I: Read John 8:2-6a

2. Describe the scene in **V2**.
3. What do you learn about the woman the teachers and Pharisees brought to Jesus in **V3-5**?
4. What was suspicious about the circumstances under which the Pharisees brought this woman? (For one possible answer, see **Leviticus 20:10**.)
5. How might the Pharisees have been trying to trap Jesus?
6. a) List some words that describe how you think the woman must have felt at this point.  
  
b) Share about a time when you felt singled out or publicly disgraced for a sinful choice.

#### SECTION II: Read John 8:6b-8

7. In **V6b and 8**, what do you think Jesus was writing on the ground?
8. Besides writing on the ground, what was Jesus' response in **V7**?

9. a) What was Jesus' unspoken verdict, and who did He say should punish her?
- b) How does Jesus' teaching in **Matthew 7:1-5** give further insight?
10. a) How have you (or how are you tempted to) cast stones of criticism or self-righteous judgment?
- b) How has **V7** sweetly convicted you, and what will you commit to do instead?
- c) Read **James 5:19-20**. What different approach is suggested?

### **SECTION III: Read John 8:9-11**

11. What happened in **V9**?
12. Why do you think they left? And why did they leave in the order mentioned?
13. Track the word "condemn" in **V10-11** and **John 3:17-18**. How do Jesus' previous words on condemnation give you hope and a fuller perspective on what He said to her?
14. a) What command did Jesus give to the woman in **V11**?
- b) What do you learn from this final charge to her that you'll apply to your life?

15. Put yourself in this woman's shoes; what do you think were the range of emotions she felt from **V3-11**?

16. a) What did you discover about Jesus' redemptive interactions as you compare and contrast last week's encounter with the Samaritan woman and this woman caught in adultery?

Similarities

Differences

b) To whom will you make it a point to extend the same grace? (Write out your "grace in action" plan.)

17. Write a prayer of response to the insights you've gained from our One and Only Just Judge.

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### DIGGING DEEPER

1. What does **1 Thessalonians 4:3-8** say about sexual sin?
  
2. The last two women we've studied had a history of sexual sin. Without simply re-writing the following verses, isolate an aspect from each reference that can help prevent a person from falling into the trap of adultery (or any sexual sin):

**Proverbs 5:20-21** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 6:18-20** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Corinthians 7:2-5** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 Timothy 2:9-10** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 1:5-8** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 2:15-17** \_\_\_\_\_

3. Just like these women, we all can find ourselves "caught" in sin since our "ways are in full view of the Lord" (**Proverbs 5:21**). How do these verses convict and comfort you?

**Psalms 130:3-4** \_\_\_\_\_

**Isaiah 53:5-6** \_\_\_\_\_

**Romans 6:23** \_\_\_\_\_

**1 John 1:9; 2:1-2** \_\_\_\_\_

4. Suggested Memory Verse: **John 8:11b**

