

Group Reflection Questions

Have you ever experienced Christianity as a set of accusations?

When is a time in your life when you have felt Jesus grace in your life?

How are you progressing in your life toward sinning less?

Where is God calling you to “Go!”?

How could you demonstrate God’s grace to someone this week?

Caught **John 8:1-11**

It was a setup. The Pharisees set a trap for Jesus so they could show him to be either uncompassionate or unrighteous. This was not a woman who was caught randomly. Do you notice who is missing from their accusations—maybe the man? It takes two to tango. Yet, the man is nowhere to be found. Upholding the law is not the Pharisees’ concern. They want to discredit this rebel rousing teacher.

Jesus responds in a way they don’t expect—he writes on the ground. What did he write? We don’t know. Did he write something about God? Did he write the sins of those standing in the circle? We do know he writes something that convicts them and they give up on their plot.

This story finally turns with Jesus’ command: “Go,” as so many stories in John do. Jesus gives this woman new life. Jesus gives us new life, a life where *not* sinning for the first time becomes a possibility.. As we read this passage we need to keep these two commands in tension—go and sin no more. We are called to not only go, but to live a life following Jesus where we sin less and less.