



LIFE GROUP PLANNING



Aim of session:

What might God want to say to the group?
Are there things that are too big to forgive? Are we blind to our own sin when we see others sinning? What does genuine repentance look like?

NOTES FOR WEEK BEGINNING MAY 1st 2022

Key Scriptures

If you have access to a commentary read some background to get context.

John 8 v1-11

NB: Our visiting Speaker Peter Wright was not able to give me a heads up on the content of his sermon. I may be way off!

Warm Up

Think back to a time when you were caught out. Maybe as a child... you had done something wrong and had been found out.

How did it feel for you?

How did others react to you?

How long did it take to rebuild trust?

Did you repeat the mistake or learn from it?

Thinking it through: Main discussion/activity

What are the surprising things in the passage? What is new? What don't you really understand? This could be a time to discuss and share reflections and ideas on the passage or watch a Bible project type video that helps explain things.

1. Where was the man who must have been caught along with the woman? What might this say about the motives of the accusers?
2. The Law of Moses seems quite harsh here, to our 21st century eyes. However, it was rarely invoked. Why were the Pharisees so keen in this instance?
3. Adultery and "fornication" (pre marital sex and multiple partners in life) have serious punishments in the Old Testament, why is this so? Why are these sins so damaging?
4. Jesus was careful not to dismiss Mosaic law, but he also showed the need for repentance. What does genuine repentance look like?

Growing in discipleship: Practical application

5. Read Matthew 7v5, how can we apply this verse to the story in John 8?
6. Are there areas of your life in which you are blind to your own sin?
7. Why are people often quick to judge others like the Pharisees were in the story?
8. What can we do to demonstrate the genuineness of our repentance? Is Church attendance enough?
9. In which areas of life do we need to show compassion, yet "hold the line" at the same time?



Try to leave 15-20 mins to talk about prayer needs of the group and to pray.

We want to encourage the development of prayer, to help everyone grow in confidence in praying. There are many creative ways of praying together: writing prayers, using candles as a focus, reading prayers or praying for each other in pairs.