

Alone with Jesus | Jesus and the Woman in Adultery – John 8:2-11

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of September 17th, 2023

OVERVIEW

In the story of Jesus' interaction with the woman in adultery, we learn about the danger of self-righteousness and the power of mercy.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: As a child, when were you caught "red-handed" doing something wrong? **Or** How many times have you been pulled over by a policeman?

Activity: Get together and go to the beach or the park!

PRAYER

Pray in groups of 2-3: Ask one another, "How can I pray for you to grow in faith?"

Pray in a large group: Pray for Jesus' love and grace to permeate every part of your life.

BIBLE: READ JOHN 8:2-11

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What were the true intentions of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees? Were they concerned at all with justice?
3. How do you think the woman felt in this story? When have you felt "tried and convicted" by the crowd?
4. How is this situation a trap for Jesus? What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go? If he told them to stone her?
5. How does Jesus spring the trap in verse 7?
6. In verse 9, why do you think the older ones walked away first? What does it mean that Jesus was the only one left?
7. Why didn't Jesus condemn her since she had sinned? Is Jesus being lenient on sin? How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify compassion?
8. What does this passage teach about sin and self-righteousness?
9. Should the passage about the woman caught in adultery be considered part of the Bible?

APPLICATION

1. If the woman who was caught in adultery, came to your group or church, how would she be received?
2. Today's passage exposes the pharisaic, self-righteous tendency in us all. What are the dangers of reacting judgmentally or with an attitude of self-righteousness toward someone else's sin? Have you ever found yourself acting like a Pharisee? What approach will you take when reacting to someone's sin?
3. The Lord silences the critics of this world while healing hearts that are burdened with guilt and shame. God never treats sin casually, but calls sinners to turn away from their old, corrupt way of life. Pray for one person that needs the love and compassion of Christ.

