



Guidelines: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion: John 7:53 – 8:11

1. *Read and review the **main points** of the sermon.*
 - a. Being quick to pronounce judgment will lead you to do very dark and sinful things
 - b. Most people who rush to pick up rocks have an ulterior motive
 - c. Life experience & God's Word both lead us to do one thing: DROP THE ROCK!
 - d. Real mercy is given with no strings attached
 - e. We all deserve to be stoned but instead we received mercy.
2. *Reflect and Ruminare on areas that resonated with you:*
 - a. Has there ever been a time where you were judged incorrectly and didn't receive mercy? How did that make you feel?
 - b. Has there ever been a time where you were judged correctly and received mercy? How did that make you feel?
 - c. How are you prone to rush to judgment towards others in your life? What are your personal "hot-buttons" that "set you off?"



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3. *Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:*

- a. Which of the 5 Reasons we like to collect rocks do you do the most? What can you do this week to change your thinking and actions so you can respond differently? Is there a passage of scripture you can memorize to help you think differently?
- b. It's easier to relate to seeing yourself as the Pharisee in this passage. How does viewing yourself as the adulterous woman change your perspective?
- c. Is there someone in your life right now that you need to show or give mercy? How do you think your relationship and circumstances would change if you extended mercy to them?

4. *Request:*

- a. How can we encourage and pray for you with regards to what you shared?

5. *Remember the Gospel:*

- a. *The word mercy means, "to express kindness to someone in serious need." That's what God did for us by revealing the good news of the gospel to us.*

Prayer Emphasis:

- *Praise & Prayer:* Praise God for extending mercy to us when we were in serious need. Ask God to forgive us for not extending mercy to others in their time of serious need.