

Hello, it's me: John 8:1-11

Part 3: Breaking Up

Relationships are messy. No one wants to have a relationships that ends in pain, regret or divorce. We often talk about avoiding making mistakes but what if we're already in a mess? Jesus didn't come to condemn us for our mistakes but to save us from our mistakes.

Here are three principles for starting over:

1. Seek _____ not _____.
2. Leverage _____ not _____.
3. Grace is a license to _____ not a license to _____.

Jesus doesn't ignore our mistakes or give us moral loopholes. He forgives us and calls us to live differently.

Life Group Study Guide

This week, before you go to your Life Group:

Read John 8:1-11. Which character do you think you are most like? Why do you associate with that person? What do you think God might be trying to teach you as you study this passage? Are there insights you have that you think would be helpful to share with your group?

Life Group Discussion Questions:

Read John 8:1-11. Put yourself in the position of the scribes/Pharisees, Jesus and then the woman. Describe the thoughts and feelings of each one as you read through the account. Which of these characters do you most readily identify with? Why?

How does Jesus' approach differ from that of the Pharisees? Be specific. The outcome is drastically different for the woman. How does this passage change the way you think about the mistakes you have made in the past? How does receiving Jesus' forgiveness change the way we look at our past mistakes and future outlook?

Do you think there's a difference between judging someone and discerning right from wrong? What is it? What in this passage helps us understand how Jesus dealt with that tension? When it comes to relationships we have with people who are close to us, how can we live out the tension between encouraging them to make healthy choices and judging them?

Do you tend to deal with your own mistakes and the mistakes of others by being judgmental? Finding excuses? Ignoring the issue? Why do you think so many of us do one or more of these things?

Do you need to receive Jesus' grace for past mistakes you've made? Is there someone in your life that you need to forgive and seek restoration? Share with the group how you will apply what you've learned in this study.