

100 days with Jesus

Group Study No: 10

John 8:3-11

Introduction

Adultery is a bad thing; a sign of lives that have gone wrong. Sometimes it represents a genuine search for love within a loveless marriage, or real fire in a grate that has stood cold for years. Often it is a selfish desire for extra pleasure. It causes deep and lasting pain and can completely wreck a life.

Adultery always leaves somebody, be they a wife, husband or child, filled with feelings of deep regret. If this woman had indeed been adulterous, then there is pain, breaking of trust and guilt all over the place.

Discussion

1. V3 says that the woman had been caught in the act of adultery. Why is it the women alone who is being judged by the Pharisees?
2. V5 Why do you think that the law of Moses took such a harsh stance against adultery?
3. We can often tend to think some sins are worse than others. What do you imagine God thinks about this?
4. V6 Why do you think the Pharisees were often trying to trap Jesus?
5. V6-8 Why do you think that Jesus wrote on the ground?
6. Why do you think we are often quick to judge others?
7. Looking at the way Jesus deals with this woman, what does it teach us about God?
8. Have you ever been aware of Jesus forgiving you? How did it feel?

Prayer

Lord Jesus,
Who am I judging today?
Who am I pointing fingers at?
Who am I looking down on?
May you touch my heart
With empathy, understanding and sensitivity.
Amen.