

OVERVIEW

In chapter 8, Jesus' light of hope shines in the darkness of condemnation when a humiliated woman, caught in adultery, is brought publicly before him for judgment. What happens next turns the table on the accusers, opens a new beginning for the woman, and challenges us to consider our own shame and guilt in view of Christ's redemptive work for us.

OHANA TIME!

 **Icebreaker:** When you were growing up, what was your instinct when you got in trouble—confess quickly, hide it, or shift blame? **Or** If you could redo one fashion trend from the past, which would you bring back?

 **Activity:** Watch the new "Pastors Answer Ohana Questions" video together as a group! (Available on the website and KUC YouTube channel).

PRAYER

Pray: "Dear Jesus, you know my darkest secrets, fears and shame. Thank you for your love on the cross that bears my shame and your example of grace to the woman caught in adultery. Amen."

BIBLE: READ JOHN 7:53-8:11

1. What details stand out about how the scribes and Pharisees bring the woman?
2. What irregularities do you notice in how the case is handled? Why is it significant that only the woman is brought when the Law required both parties (Lev. 20:10; Deut. 22:22)?
3. What does the text explicitly say about their motive? How does hypocrisy distort justice?
4. Why do you think Jesus stoops and writes on the ground? What effect does His silence have?
5. What does "Let him who is without sin cast the first stone" mean—and what does it not mean?
6. What is the final command Jesus gives the woman and what is its significance?
7. How does this passage relate with Jesus' statements in John 8:12?
8. How does this account anticipate the cross?

APPLICATION

1. When you sin, do you respond with denial, self-justification, or crushing self-condemnation? How can you hold together both truths: "Neither do I condemn you" and "Sin no more"? What would repentance that is hopeful—not despairing—look like in your life?
2. How does Jesus' interaction with the woman reshape the way you treat people who fail? What does it look like to remove "stones" from your hands while still taking sin seriously? Would someone caught in serious sin experience restoration or rejection in our church—and what role do you play in shaping that culture?

