



All Christians' Fellowship International

INTERACTIVE SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

TOPIC: Caught in Adultery

TEXT: John 7:53-8:11

Instructions - *Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

Introduction: Nothing is more humiliating than being caught in an act of disobedience! Whether it's a child with his hand in the cookie jar or an adult driving over the speed limit, we all know the sinking feeling of being caught. In John 8, a woman is caught in the most awkward of situations-in the very act of adultery. The way Jesus responds to her may surprise you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Think of a time when you hurt someone, and that person was willing to forgive you. How did it feel to be forgiven?
2. Read John 7:53- 8:11. What do we know about the character and motives of those who bring this woman to Jesus?
3. How do you think the woman feels when the men make her "stand before the group" and publicly expose her sin?
4. How do you feel when someone exposes a sin in your life-either privately or publicly?
5. While it is obvious that the woman is guilty, what elements of injustice can you find in this situation?
6. In your opinion, what was Jesus' writing in the dirt?
7. The Pharisees and teachers were often very self-righteous. Why do you think they went away rather than stoning the woman (v. 7-9)?
8. Why are we tempted to condemn other people's sins rather than our own?
9. How would you describe Jesus' attitude toward the woman (v. 10-11)?
10. Do you think Jesus was condoning the woman's sin by not condemning her? Explain.
11. If you were the woman, how would you feel as you left Jesus' presence?

12. What can we learn from this passage about Christ's attitude toward us- even when we feel awful about ourselves? – Discuss what the passage taught us about forgiving and accepting others?