

GROUP STUDY GUIDE

WEEK OF MARCH 23, 2025 | I DON'T CONDEMN YOU

WARM-UP QUESTION

Share a time when someone showed you grace when you didn't deserve it.

DISCUSS

Start your discussion by sharing what stood out to you from Sunday's message. Were there any new insights or key takeaways for you?

Read <u>John 8:1-8:11</u>

- Why do you think Jesus responds with silence when the Pharisees try to trap Him instead of immediately condemning or defending the woman? What might His silence teach us about how we should handle emotionally charged situations?
- What do you think Jesus writes on the ground when He bends down? Why do you think the Gospel writer chose not to tell us what He wrote?
- Why do you think Jesus stooped down to the ground? What is significant about His physical posture in this moment?
- What do you think Jesus is communicating when He says, "Let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone"?
- If you were one of the accusers in the crowd, what do your "stones" represent—judgment, self-righteousness, or a lack of compassion? How does this story challenge us to lay down our stones?
- Why do you think Jesus speaks to the woman only after her accusers have left? What does this reveal about His heart toward sinners and the timing of His grace?
- What is the significance of Jesus not condemning her despite her sin?
- When Jesus tells the woman, "Go and sin no more," how does this display the connection between grace and repentance? What does it teach us about how God calls us to live after experiencing His grace?
- How does Jesus' response in verse 11 challenge our understanding of forgiveness? How can we better apply this mindset in our relationships with others?

TAKE ACTION

Jesus calls us to live in the tension of truth and grace. It's easy to lean one way or the other where we withhold grace and focus only on truth or where we overlook truth in the name of grace.

- Are there areas in your life where you're tipping too far toward truth or grace?
- This week, what's one step you can take to bring a better balance of both into your relationships, your words, and your actions?



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Spend a few minutes praying as a group, asking God to show you what He's saying and what you need to do to help craft your "I will" statement. Then after praying, share your "I will" statements, keeping them as simple and practical as possible.