



# Group Leader Guide

## Sermon Recap

In Pastor Rob's sermon "The Thud of Falling Stones," he contrasts how Jesus showed compassion to a woman caught in adultery with the religious leaders' judgmental attitude. The religious leaders used the woman as a pawn to trap Jesus, while Jesus responded with grace and challenged their hypocrisy. Jesus's words "Let he who is without sin cast the first stone" led the accusers to realize their own guilt and leave. The sermon urges us to value others, refrain from judging, and extend grace and hope as Jesus did.

## Ice Breaker

If you could have dinner with any fictional character, who would it be and why?

## Discussion Questions

How did Jesus respond to the woman caught in adultery, and why is his response significant?

- In the sermon, Pastor Rob explains that Jesus responded with compassion, grace, and offered her a second chance.
- In what ways can you show compassion and grace to others in your own life, even when they make mistakes?

Why did the religious leaders use the woman as a pawn, and how did Jesus see through their motives?

- The religious leaders wanted to trap Jesus by forcing him to choose between law and compassion. Jesus understood their intentions and raised the stakes by making them confront their own sinfulness.
- Have you ever been in a situation where someone tried to manipulate or use you? How did you handle it, and how can you learn from Jesus' example?

What are some practical ways to avoid elevating your own agenda over the value of other people?

- The sermon highlights the importance of not using or devaluing others for our own interests.
- Reflect on a situation where you may have prioritized your own agenda over someone else's well-being. How can you make amends and behave differently in the future?

In the story, Jesus said, 'Let he who is without sin be the first to throw a stone.' How does this statement challenge us in our judgment of others?

- This statement from Jesus challenges us to recognize our own sinfulness before condemning others and reminds us to extend grace instead of judgment.
- Can you think of a time when you were quick to judge someone else? How can you apply Jesus' teaching to be more understanding and compassionate in future situations?

How does Jesus' focus on the woman's future, rather than her past, relate to our own lives?

- Jesus offered the woman a second chance and focused on her potential for transformation and growth. The sermon reminds us that Jesus is more interested in our future than our past.
- Think about a mistake from your past that you've learned from. How has Jesus' grace and focus on your future helped you grow and move forward?

## Prayer

- Ask for prayer requests from each group member.
- • Thank God for His grace and willingness to forgive us, just as Jesus forgave the woman.
- • Pray for the strength to show compassion and understanding to others, rather than judgment.
- • Ask for help to focus on our future and positive change, rather than being defined by past mistakes.