

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. How do you forgive yourself?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Have you ever made a mess that others had to clean up?
 - a. Maybe you spilled something in someone's brand new car!! What happened?
3. Take a look at your bible and look at John 7:53-8:11. Are there any notes around this passage?
 - a. What does it say about it's placement?
4. Please read John 8:1-11. What jumps out at you? What do you notice?
5. Who were the two people groups that caught this woman?
 - a. What was their purpose?
6. Scripture says they "caught her in the very act." What does this mean to you? Do you think they "happened" to find her in this situation? Explain.
7. What does OT law say about this situation in Leviticus 20:10 and Deuteronomy 19:15?
8. Do you think Jesus was between a rock and a hard place?
 - a. What would have happened if He would have said, "stone her?"
 - b. What would have happened if He would have said, "Let her go?"
9. What was Jesus writing on the ground?
10. What was His famous word to the crowd? Compare with Romans 3:23.
11. Why did Jesus tell her, "Go and sin no more?"
 - a. Do you think it's possible to not sin?
 - b. Why would Jesus ask her to "sin no more?"
12. Pastor Ruben shared five things we need to understand to forgive yourself.

- 1) It's not about self-forgiving, it's about Christ forgiving.
- 2) When you fall down, get up.
- 3) Don't let a memory define you.
- 4) Don't give toxic people a mic.
- 5) Go and sin no more.

13. Please read and discuss the following verses: 1 John 1:5-10; Acts 3:19; Isaiah 1:18; Hebrews 10:16-17; Romans 6:1-7; and 1 Peter 1:13-16.

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- When you look into a messy heart...you see a messy life.
 - Their life is a mess.
 - Their house is a mess.
 - Their conduct is a mess.
 - Their lifestyle is a mess.
 - Their behavior is a mess.
 - Their background is a mess.
 - Their past is a mess.
 - All they know is life is a mess!
- The voice of sin is loud, but the voice of forgiveness is louder. - Dwight L. Moody
- HOW DO YOU FORGIVE YOURSELF...
 - It's not about self-forgiving, it's about Christ forgiving.
 - When you fall down, get up.
 - Don't let a memory define you.
 - Don't give toxic people a mic to speak into your life.
 - Surround yourself with people who will encourage you and not remind you of your past mistakes.
 - Go and sin no more.
- Acts 3:19 (NIV) 19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord