

Life Group / Reflection Questions

Read Luke 8:1-11

Context:

- *What Characters do we see in this text? What do we know about the Scribes and Pharisees?*
- *What was the scene that the adulteress woman was dragged into? What was Jesus doing at the time? Who else was in the background?*
- *The Pharisee's try to trap Jesus with the Law of Moses. What law were they refereeing to? Read Deuteronomy 22:22. Are the Pharisees obeying the law according to this verse?*

Intended Meaning of The Text:

- *How does Jesus respond to the Pharisees? Vs. 6-8. What was Jesus trying to communicate to the Pharisees?*
- *What is the danger of seeking to follow rules instead of seeking to follow Jesus? How did the Pharisees end up nothing like the God they were trying to represent?*
- *Are rules important to Jesus? Read Matthew 5:17-20, How do we become more righteous than the rule following Pharisees?*
- *How does Jesus respond to the adulterous women? Vs. 9-11. What does this tell us about how Jesus views and interprets the rules of God?*

Theological Implications:

- *From this scripture, what do we learn about Jesus?*
- *From this scripture, what do we learn about ourselves? Who do you relate the most with in this passage?*
- *In this scripture where do we see the Gospel?*

Application:

- *How am I to relate to Jesus in light of this passage?*
- *What truths or promises can I claim in light of this passage?*
- *How am I responding to the Gospel (Trusting in Jesus to lead me into His kingdom life) to live out this passage? What will I do in response to what I have learned from God's word?*



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Wave exists to set lives free to live fully alive with Jesus

***“More Than Rules”
Not a Fan ~ Week #5***

ARE YOU A FAN OR A FOLLOWER?

FAN = A enthusiastic admirer

FOLLOWER = A disciple or apprentice

How is it Christians often end up nothing like Christ?

John 8:1-5(ESV) ¹... Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ² Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. ³ The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst ⁴ they said to him, “Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. ⁵ Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?”

- **Romans 3:10-12(ESV)** all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, ¹⁰ as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ no one understands; no one seeks for God. ¹² All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”
- **Romans 3:23(ESV)** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Followers follow Jesus, Fans follow Rules

...And as a result

Followers Experience Freedom, Fans experience bondage

John 8:6-7(ESV) ⁶ This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. ⁷ And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, “Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.”

Rule Following Is Exhausting

Two things happen when we follow rules instead of Jesus:

1. We fake it
2. We stop faking it, and we stop following

- **Matthew 11:28-20 (The Message)** ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

John 8:8-11(ESV) ⁸ And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. ⁹ But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him, ¹⁰ Jesus stood up and said to her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”

Rules Don't Inspire Grace

- Rules void of a relationship with God = Religion filled Fans
- Rules in the context of a relationship with God = Grace filled Followers

Rules Don't Keep Us Around