

# PURSUE

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## Leader Guide

### Pursue the Broken (Adulterous Woman)

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**Main Passage: John 7:53-8:11**

#### Theological Theme

Sin is any transgression of the law of God. God's law is good in that it makes clear what God's will is for His creation. However, the law is a curse because it condemns all people on account of their rebellion against God.

#### Introduction

- ❓ How certain are you that the law of gravity is real and consequential?
- ❓ What evidence has led you to this conclusion?

We would never jump out of an airplane without a parachute, thinking we could somehow beat gravity and float gently to the earth. Similarly, it is foolish for people to disregard God's moral law and think it will have no consequence. The fact of the matter is that all people are plummeting toward earth with no parachute and, unless someone intervenes, death is certain.

#### 1. Sin is Sin (John 7:53–8:6)

The Pharisees said, "In the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" (v. 5). They appealed to the Scriptures, which is exactly what they should have done. It is exactly what Christians should do today. While we acknowledge that these leaders' hearts were wicked, this doesn't mean we should not look to the Scriptures as our rule for life and faith.

## 2. Solution for Sin (John 8:7-10)

It wasn't only the woman caught in adultery that had sinned but also the Pharisees. The bystanders who were likely observing the scene were also guilty of sin. It doesn't stop there. Each of us has disregarded God's law and gone astray. Every person stands guilty before God.

## 3. Repentance of Sin (John 8:11)

Jesus told the woman He did not condemn her and to stop sinning. While it's true that Jesus didn't condemn her to execution, that doesn't mean He excused the sinning. Forgiveness for sin is not tantamount to affirmation of sin. Jesus called the woman to abandon her sinful living. He does the same today. It is impossible for a person to both follow Christ and allow sin to reign in their hearts. Those who have truly been redeemed by the blood despise sin because their hearts have been made clean and the Holy Spirit dwells within them. They cannot abide by sin because they know that it is offensive to their heavenly Father.

## Questions to Guide Your Group's Discussion

- ❓ What does this passage say?
- ❓ What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ❓ What does this passage tell us about man?
- ❓ What does this passage demand of me?
- ❓ How does this passage change the way I relate to people? (*How can you use this information this week at work or with friends and neighbors?*)
- ❓ How does this passage prompt me to pray to God?

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