

LifeConnect Group Discussion Questions

“CAUGHT!” – John 8.1-11 November 18, 2018

Ice breaker: Describe a time in your childhood when someone tattled on you.

Read John 8.1-11.

1. Jeff talked about how this passage is considered part of Scripture but not necessarily from the hand of John, the gospel writer. Does that change how you view the passage?
2. What was the primary reason given for why this passage got included in Scripture, despite not having strong textual evidence?
3. How is this situation a trap for Jesus? What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go? If he told them to stone her?
4. How does Jesus spring the trap?
5. How would the woman just caught in adultery have felt?
6. What was the significance of Jesus' question in verse 10?
7. How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify grace and truth (1.17)?

For further reflection:

- Jeff noted in the message that God does not have a hierarchy of sins. Do you? What comes first? Why?
- How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face your sins?
- How did the story about Karla Faye Tucker affect your understanding of this passage?
- Jesus accepts you 'as is'. Does that free you to change, or does it support your bad behaviour? How so?
- Have you known someone who used this passage to suggest that Jesus forgives us and allows us to do what we wish? How would you (or did you) refute that?
- What can you learn from Jesus about helping a friend who has fallen?
- Consider the notes from the Connection Card, and pray for one another to be able to fulfill these goals.

After listening to the message, you may have more discussion points of your own.