The Adulterous Woman John 8:1-11



Small Group Questions

Introduction:

The woman caught in adultery was put on instant trial. She was hated, disliked, distrusted and not loved. She was told she was worthless, nasty and worthy of death. She had no place to say: "iBelong". She was looked down upon by the way she looked (thus the game "Where do I Bleong"). She wasn't popular or even well-liked. Here we see Jesus, lovingly forgiving her, and instantly giving her belonging, with Him.

Discussion:

Here we see Jesus, stepping out of "norm" and loving on someone people said wasn't worth loving. She felt she had no place, but realized she did have a place with Him!

- -Have you ever been there, feeling like you didn't belong? How did you feel during that time?
- Have you ever seen anyone in that situation, where they didn't belong? Did you help them like Jesus, or did you lash out at them like the crowd?
- What do you think of Jesus in this story?
- -What about the woman?

Explanation:

The woman was obviously in the midst of some rough sin. She was not following the way of life she was supposed to be. Yet, Jesus forgave her, protected her and gave her belonging with Him, even though Jesus was also looked down upon for doing so.

- -Why do you think Jesus did this?
- How do you think the woman felt after Jesus stepped in?
- Have you ever stepped in to help someone like this?
- Has anyone done so for you?

Application:

Jesus has done this for us as well! We too have chosen to live our lives outside of him. Yet, he died for our sins so we too can have a belonging with Him!

- -READ 1 John2:2- Here "Atoning Sacrifice" means that Jesus stepped in for us. Our sins caused us to deserve death (just like the woman in the story), yet Jesus stepped in for us, so we can live free.
- We need to realize we need Him. The death has been paid for, but it won't affect us if we don't receive it, believe it and live in it.
- -FOR TAKE HOME- challenge the students to read 1 John 1:5-2:2. Share with them how they can turn from their sin as the woman in the story did (and as 1 John says to). Also for an extra challenge: Try to find someone who is being treated poorly in school and step in and help them as Jesus did for the woman and does for you.