



“Transforming Love”

Growing Together Series

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[53] [[They went each to his own house,

[1] but 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?” [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.” [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.”]] (ESV) - John 7:53; John 8:1–11

Please read (emailed on 9/19) or listen to the sermon on podcast prior to discussion.

1. What do you think helps and/or hinders you from sharing about your life genuinely and vulnerably?
2. “There is nothing more winsome or attractive than a person who is secure enough in being loved by God that he or she lives with a spirit of openness and transparency and without guile.” (-*Everybody’s Normal Till You Get to Know Them*)

When was the last time you’ve experienced this quote to be true in your own life?

3. To live in the reality of God’s mercy and forgiveness sets us free from the prison of shame so that are enabled to give, as well as receive love from others. How has the love of God and others changed you?

4. How can your Life Group continue to move forward in being a safe place to let down masks and share honestly and authentically with one another?

FOR FURTHER STUDY (together or on your own)

Read John 8:1-11. How does Jesus' love and acceptance for the woman caught in adultery inform the way that God loves and accepts you and changes people?