

BIBLICAL CHARACTERS

Their stories and what we can learn from them

Study Guide – Woman Caught in Adultery

Laura mentioned recurring dreams many of us have of showing up in a public place “inadequately dressed” Have you had these kinds of dreams or other ways of experiencing shame and embarrassment? What were they?

Read through John 8:1-11

What strikes you most in this passage?

What would it do to you to have your sins exposed to everyone?

What do you think this whole experience was like for the woman?

How are our actions at times like that of the Scribes and Pharisees?

Why do you think we often throw stones at others?

Gary Burge in his commentary makes this observation:

“There are certain sins for which we extend forgiveness. Then there are other sins (often sexual sins) for which the grace of Christ is not apparently sufficient.”

Would you agree with this statement?

How can we grow in loving one another and not passing judgment?

The comment was made that: *“when we lose touch with the depth of our own sinfulness Christ’s forgiveness in our lives diminishes. When we no longer see ourselves in the woman and when we feel we are free from accusation and judgment we lose sight of God’s grace.”*

Do you agree with this, and if so what is a healthy way for us to not lose touch with our sinfulness?

The next generation is being bombarded with sexual images and choices. What can we do to help them:

- bring their struggles and questions into the light, not experiencing shame
- understand that God does have standards for us
- realize His grace no matter what they have done
- the call to go and sin no more

Pray for one another and our children.