

Lesson 5: The Forgiveness of Sins. What Can I Do About My Problem?

Questions for Interaction

John 8:1-11

Sunday, March 17, 2013

1. What shocks you the most about this story?
  - a. That the man wasn't hauled before Jesus as well.
  - b. That they really would consider executing a woman for such an act.
  - c. That religious people would use this woman as a pawn to get at Jesus.
  - d. That the accusers could be silenced so easily.
  - e. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
  
2. What is the trap the Pharisees are setting for Jesus? What would it have done to his credibility as a teacher if he would have spoken against what was in the Law of Moses? What would it have done to his status as a compassionate teacher of the people if he had called for her to be stoned?
  
3. What do you think Jesus was writing on the ground with his finger? Why does he not answer them at first?
  
4. Who does Jesus call upon to cast the first stone at this woman? Why does he establish this as the criteria?
  
5. Why do you think that the older Pharisees left first? What does this say about the experience of getting older?

6. When do you remember last receiving merciful response to something you had done wrong? How did this mercy affect your resolve to not repeat the act?
7. Had Jesus said to you, “Neither do I condemn you...Go, and from now on do not sin any more,” how would you have responded?
- a. Easier said than done.
  - b. I'll try.
  - c. Thank you, Lord.”
  - d. Other \_\_\_\_\_.
8. What are the relative roles of punishment and mercy in changing people's behavior?
9. What kind of help does a person need to leave behind a life of sin?  
Define sin, to miss, example of the archer.