

Laying Down Our Stones – John 7:53-8:11

The condemning spirit of the religious leaders (John 7:53-8:6, Matthew 7:1-5, & Romans 3:23).

The merciful spirit of Jesus (John 8:7-11a, Acts 9:1-19, Luke 9:51-56, & Galatians 6:1).

The changed spirit of the woman caught in adultery (John 8:11b, Luke 7:36-50, 2 Corinthians 5:17, & Ephesians 2:10).

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was surprising, confusing, or helpful from today's message?
2. Do you have any questions about why it is uncertain if John 7:53-8:11 is a part of the original Gospel written by John? (A helpful resource to explore this further is: gotquestions.org/John-7-53-8-11)
3. What is a condemning spirit? Why does a true experience of God's forgiveness through Christ contradict such a condemning spirit?
4. If we do not have a condemning spirit does this mean that we should have no discernment about what is right and wrong? If not, then how can we have such discernment without having a condemning attitude?
5. In what relationship(s) do you need to have a more merciful spirit? What will showing mercy in this relationship look like?
6. In what ways does an experience of God's undeserved mercy and forgiveness change us? Why does it change us? How has it changed you?

Memory Verse: John 8:12

Passage to Look at for Next Week: John 8:12-30