



## Week 2: Intimacy with the Light

### Opening.

Intimacy with the Messiah means never having to walk in darkness ever again. The first 12 verses of John 8 record the powerful story of a woman who was caught in sin. Instead of condemning her, Jesus stood up for her and changed her life .

**Scripture.** John 8:1-12

### Key Observations.

- As a way to test and trick Jesus, some religious leaders brought to him woman who was caught in the act of adultery. What was the law regarding adultery (read Deuteronomy 22:22)?
- Jesus responded to the case presented to him by stooping down and wrote on the dust. Many Bible scholars believe that Jesus wrote down a list of the most common sins that people commit. After that, he spoke a challenge (verse 7).
- Hearing what Jesus said, one by one the woman's accusers walked away. Jesus forgives the woman and tells her to walk away from the darkness of her old life. He then tells the crowd, "If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."

### Key Questions.

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- Describe what it's like to walk in the dark; and the difference light makes.
- What does God's grace mean to you and how has it illuminated your life?
- Describe a time when Jesus helped you endure a hopeless situation. How did He reveal hope to you?

### Application.

- What guilt might Christ be revealing to you? What's your next step to dealing with your guilt?
- Pastor said, "By God's grace, what you did doesn't stop who you can become." What does that statement mean to you?
- What darkness might you be in the midst of right now? How could Jesus help illuminate your darkness?
- How should you treat people that sin based upon what you read in John 8:1-12?

**Prayer.** Is there an area of your life that you need to surrender to God?

## SCRIPTURE

### JOHN 8

1 Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives, 2 but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them. 3 As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd. 4 "Teacher," they said to Jesus, "this woman was caught in the act of adultery. 5 The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?" 6 They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger. 7 They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, "All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" 8 Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. 9 When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. 10 Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" 11 "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more." 12 Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, "I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life."