



DISCUSSION GUIDE WEEK 2 (March 8th – March 14th)

JESUS FREAKS: FORGIVEN AND FREE

WELCOME. Welcome to DGroup. **Quick Response Icebreaker:** Who is your favorite super villain and why?

WORSHIP. I THANK GOD (ELEVATION/MAVERICK)

WORD. Read **JOHN 8:1-11**

1. Let's review: Based on part 1, what is a Jesus Freak?
2. Last Sunday, Pastor Elijah preached from John 8:1-12. Here are the main points about what it means to be a *Jesus Freak: Forgiven and Free*:
 - A. **Like the woman, we suffered the personal anguish of being caught in the act of sin** (verse 3).
 - B. **Like the woman, we experienced the psychological horror of public disgrace** (verse 4).
 - C. **Like the woman, we know the painful prospect of the consequence of our action** (verses 5-6b).
 - D. **Like the woman, we need the powerful protection of a righteous mediator** (verses 7-8).
 - E. **Like the woman, we can receive the pardon and freedom Jesus offers** (verses 9-11).What was your biggest take away from last Sunday's sermon?
3. The unnamed woman in the story was caught in the act of cheating on her husband. What was the punishment for her sin according to verse 5? Why was the punishment so severe back then? Read Deuteronomy 22:22-24. If Deuteronomy 22:22-24 requires the death of both parties, why is it that only the woman was being condemned by the religious leaders?
4. In verse 5, we find that the religious leaders were using the woman to trap Jesus. But what ensued was the complete opposite. Many Bible scholars suspect that Jesus wrote down the "secret" sins of the religious leaders, which put them all to shame. Why do you think did Jesus quietly write instead of verbalizing their sin?
5. When all the men had gone, Jesus forgave the woman and commanded her to leave her life of sin. Why was that action point important for Jesus to verbalize and for the woman to do? What does *turning away from sin* do to us mentally and spiritually? Read Romans 6:16-18.

WORK. Apply God's Word:

1. Jesus Freaks are people who know what the woman in the Gospel reading went through. Why is it important to always remember that truth? Read Ephesians 2:1-3.
2. While the Bible commands us to "not judge" (Matthew 7:1), it also teaches us in Galatians 6:1-5 several key points in dealing with sin. Can you name these key points?
3. Sometimes, in their attempt to not sound judgmental, some Christians end up *overlooking* or *tolerating* sinful actions. What does the Bible say about that? Read Luke 17:3-4.
4. Jesus Freaks know what it's like to be caught and condemned, but we also know the power of forgiveness and freedom in Jesus. Jesus calls us to continually live a life of freedom and forgiveness, which means we must generously learn to forgive and set people free like He does—personally, publicly, and permanently.
5. Ask God to grant you a heart that forgives, a heart that lovingly rebukes and calls others back to God.