

# THE POINT OF IMPACT

## WEEK 5

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with a small group or Bible class.

She was brought before him caught in sin and drenched in shame. She expected judgment, and she deserved it. What she got was “a stone not thrown.” She got grace; she received forgiveness. It’s good news!

**1** Read **John 8:2-11**. This story is best known as the woman caught in the act of adultery. How would it have more impact if we referred to it as the man caught in the act of forgiveness?

**2** How do you think this woman must have felt when she was brought into the temple courts? In what ways were her accusers using her as bait?

**3** The woman was guilty. She deserved and she expected condemnation. What no one expected was for Jesus to start writing in the dirt. In your opinion, why did Jesus do this? What do you think he wrote?

**4** Reflect on these verses: *“There is no condemnation now for those who live in union with Christ Jesus... What the Law could not do, because human nature was weak, God did. He condemned sin in human nature by sending his own Son, who came with a nature like our sinful nature, to do away with sin” (Romans 8:1, 3, TEV)*. How did God reconcile mercy and grace at the cross? What is significant about the point **Jesus condemns condemnation**?

**5** **Forgiven people are rock-droppers.** Why should you be a rock-dropper (**take a look at Romans 3:10**)? How should that truth impact how you treat people?

**6** **Forgiven people are excuse-droppers.** Read **John 8:9-11**. In what ways did Jesus not allow the woman to play the “victim” card? Why does our past not excuse us from becoming the person God calls us to be? What impact should God’s kindness have on your behavior (**see Romans 2:4**)?

**7** **Forgiven people are name droppers.** How does Jesus rise to your defense when the Accuser tries to assault you with the memories from your past (**see Romans 8:34**)?

**8** Close your discussion by focusing on this question: **Have you been caught in the act of forgiveness?** Share your story... What impact has this had on your life?