

1. Can you remember one of the times when you first realized you needed grace? If appropriate, share it. What made you come to that realization? How did your perspective change after you received it?
2. Read John 7:53–8:4. Why was this woman in such a predicament? What had she contributed to being where she was?
3. Read John 8:4–6a. How did the religious leaders lead a conspiracy against Jesus? What was their motivation? What does their treatment of this woman tell us about the state of their own hearts?
4. Read John 8:6b–11. How did Jesus' respond to these religious elite? Why did his invitation to throw the first stone leave these leaders in such a lurch?
5. How did Jesus, then, respond to the woman? How does observing his response to her encourage you about how he responds to your sin?
6. Why do you think Jesus commanded the woman to sin no more?
7. Do you find yourself identifying more with the religious leaders or the woman in this text? How can you move more fully to align with the way of Jesus?
8. Spend several moments in prayer and confess whatever you need to about your own sin. Then, invite God to help you accept the grace won for you by Christ at the cross and then to move forward avoiding the same sin in the future. Thank him both for his grace and his empowerment to live according to the calling he's placed on you!