

# Small Group Discussion Guide

“Scandalous” (pt. 2) – 11/2/2014

**Scripture:** John 8:1-11

**Bottom Line:** Jesus is our protector from the accuser.

**INTRODUCTION:** What do you think is the most scandalous story in the Bible? This is not a trick question. There are plenty of crazy stories in the Bible! It is actually refreshing to know that even in the midst of horrible sin, Jesus actively pursues redemption in their lives and ours. This is amazing grace!

## UNPACKING THE GOSPEL IN THE BIBLE:

**Read John 8:1-11**

What does this story reveal about the woman?

- She is a sinner in need of grace. We are in the same situation.

What does this story reveal about scribes and Pharisees?

- They care nothing for the woman because they publicly humiliate her.
- They are not really interested in righteousness because they just want to trick Jesus into condemning her (making him unmerciful) or doing nothing (supposedly breaking OT commandments such as Lev 20:10). They are evil accusers!

Jesus protects her from her evil accusers! Even though she deserved condemnation (we all do), Jesus frees her from the guilt of her sin and later on takes the punishment for her sin on the cross. Jesus is our great Liberator!

What do you do when you feel inescapably caught?

- Pray! When the accuser (Satan) assaults you, hide behind Jesus in prayer.
- Trust! Do not fear what Jesus can defeat. Remember Gospel promises.
- Thank God! Live in light of his never-ending mercy and protection.

## LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL IN MY EVERYDAY LIFE:

It's Tuesday morning, you awake with accusatory thoughts of your mistakes and they are affecting the way you treat your family. How would Jesus' protection of the woman caught in adultery help you in this situation?

- The woman was guilty. We are all sinners so there may be truth to those accusations.
- Jesus delivered her from her guilt. He has done the same for you. Rejoice!
- Respond with humble honesty but claim the promises of God that say you're not defined by that guilt anymore. You are free to live for Christ.