

“Closer Walk” Bible Study

The Gospel Of John Chapter 8:1-30

Purpose: To share lives around the Scripture and through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit make happy and unexpected discoveries that change our lives and bring us closer in our walk with Jesus.

Getting us started

1. Describe a time in your childhood when someone tattled on you.
2. What is your most vivid memory as a child in a dark place (cave, tunnel, power blackout)? What feelings do you associate with darkness?

Getting us into Scripture

3. How is this situation a trap for Jesus? What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go? If he told them to stone her? How does he spring the trap (v. 7)?
4. How would the woman just caught in adultery have felt? What was the significance of Jesus' question in verse 10?
5. How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify “grace and truth” (1:17)?
6. What is Jesus really claiming in verse 12? What is the promise? What does Jesus mean by “light” and “darkness”?
7. With what does Jesus bolster his claim (see 5:31-40)? What does it matter that Jesus knows where he comes from (vv. 14, 21-23; see 7:41-42)?
8. What does the Pharisees' question in verse 19 reveal about their relationship with the Father?
9. What is at stake in this whole discussion (v. 24)? Why does everything hinge on who Jesus really is (v. 25) and who sent him (vv. 16, 18, 26, 29)?
10. What does Jesus mean by each phrase in verse 28? How will this show people he is the Christ?
11. What is the significance of verse 30 in light of the total misunderstanding of the Pharisees? How do the Pharisees exemplify darkness in this scene?

Getting Scripture into us

12. How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face your sins?
13. Jesus accepts you “as is.” Does that free you to change, or does it support your bad behavior? How so?
14. What can you learn from Jesus about helping a friend who has fallen?
15. How is following Jesus like following someone with a light through a dark place for you?
16. How do people you know misunderstand Jesus? How do their lives exemplify darkness? How can you be a light-bearer to them?