

August 29, 2021 – Small Group Questions

Read John 8:1-11

1. This contested portion of the gospel depicts the hypocrisy of the religious leaders who sought to trap Jesus by abusing a woman caught in adultery. How and in what ways do we ourselves and the Church fall into religious hypocrisy today?
2. The woman caught in adultery was a victim of religious abuse by the leaders who were supposed to uphold and protect her. Who in our society and in our church communities are often victimized by religious oppression or inequity?
3. Jesus invited the crowd to stone the woman provided that they are not party to the unjust sentencing of the woman. In other words, everyone in the crowd could not in good conscience execute the woman. Jesus affirmed the need for judgement but only in the right and just approach. How can we today extend and embody true and right judgement in a world that is filled with evil, injustice, and cruelty?
4. Jesus extended His mercy and forgiveness to the woman, even as she was charged guilty. How can we receive the same mercy of Jesus for ourselves and extend the same mercy to one another and to the world around us?