

Sunday, 09-24-2023

2023-2024 Fall Quarter
Unit I: "Love Completes, Law Falls Short"

Jesus Extends Forgiveness
Bible Background: John 8:1-11, 39-59
Printed Text: John 8:1-11, 56-59 KJV/NIV
Devotional Reading: Matthew 7:1-5

Prayer: *Our heavenly Father, thank You for Your forgiveness and love. As we interact, we pray that we will be strengthened to follow the example of compassion and mercy that You have provided. We are grateful for Your Son's sacrifice for our salvation and reconciliation with You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Unifying Lesson Principle:

1. Others may be quick to judge someone who breaks the law---whether it is moral, ethical, or civil law. **Who has authority to enact judgement on another person's wrongdoing?** Jesus forgives the woman caught in adultery after confronting her accusers with their own sinfulness---saying, "Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."
 - a. Jesus Christ has the only authority to judge another's actions. We as his ambassadors are to help point out sin through the word of God, not by judging from personal interpretation (**Tue: Psalm 130; Galatians 6:1-10**)
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Lesson Objectives:

1. Identify themselves in the story first as accused and then the accuser.
 2. Feel the joy of accepting Jesus' forgiveness as it erases the shame of feeling judged.
 3. Extend the forgiveness of Christ to someone.
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Devotional Reading: Thursday: You Get the Judgment You Give – Matthew 7:1-5; 2 Corinthians 5:10; James 1:25

- No sin is greater than another (**James 2:8-13**). Am I judging others based on what I'm not doing for the Lord?
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Exposition and Application of the Scripture: Sunday – Neither Do I Condemn You – John 8:1-11, 56-59

A. The Entrapment by the Adversaries (vv. 1-8)

- How often am I going to God's house to be taught? Doing the will of the Lord will cause the Pharisee's embarrassment. When encountering a difficult situation, go to Jesus for the answer. What's the difference between sins of omission and sins of commission (**Mon: Ephesians 4:17-32**)? Sin doesn't target an individual, but encompasses those around (**Wed: Matthew 5:27-32**). Be more concerned with following Jesus' example than the traditions of men. Don't leave out parts of scripture to justify sin (**Leviticus 20:10; Matthew 4:1-11**)

B. The Exoneration of the Sinner (vv. 9-11)

- My conscience must be concerned by doing the will of the Father. The Word of God must convict me to sin no more. I must acknowledge/repent of my own sin before judging others of theirs (**Thu: Matthew 7:1-5**). Jesus doesn't question the sin, but forgives when there's repentance.

C. The Entitlement of Jesus (vv. 56-58)

- Like Abraham, am I rejoicing in the Messiah by faith? Do I distort the word of God for my benefit (**Sat: Isaiah 55:6-13**)?

D. The Enragement of the Enemies (v. 59)

- Sin shows contempt, disrespect, and a willing lack of reverence for our eternal God. Am I negligent in my studies being blinded by my sin (**Fri: Psalm 32**)?