



**Sunday Teaching Discussion Guide:
Believe & Be Baptized Week 2: February 24, 2019**

Recap:

- Some Pharisees and other Jewish leaders did not think that Jesus took sin seriously. In their view, he made things too easy. They didn't see the challenge in what Jesus was teaching. They couldn't have been more wrong.
- In the story of the woman caught in adultery, the Pharisees bring a woman caught in adultery to Jesus and ask what should be done to her. The law had said that she should be stoned to death. Jesus says, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." This is a big deal because Jesus is putting all sin on the same plane. The Pharisees then recognize their own sin and leave the woman. Jesus does not simply save the woman from death; he saves her for life.
- Jesus calls us to see our sins and know that our lives are not defined by them. He invites us out of the darkness and into the light. Being in the light means believing that Jesus's life, death, and resurrection matters and trusting the direction of your life to the way of Jesus because your life matters.

Discuss:

1. What are the moments in life in which you have felt truly alive and would describe your life as full? What common things are happening that cause this?
2. READ John 10:10
3. What do you think it means to "have life" and "have it to the full"?
4. READ John 8:3-12
5. What do you think the men were trying to trap Jesus into saying?
6. What do you think it is about humanity that makes it so easy for us to condemn one another?
7. What do you imagine happens to the woman after Jesus sets her free?
8. What is walking in darkness like?
9. READ John 12:46
10. Follow and believe seem to be interchangeable for the writer of John (see John 8:12 and John 12:46). In what ways do you see these terms interchangeable?
11. How is walking in life an appropriate metaphor for following Jesus?
12. What are some ways that you can help be a light in the world?

Pray: Invite members of your group to share prayer requests. Give a short prayer thanking God for your group discussion and asking God to be with the requests that have been shared.

Read at Home: Additional Readings about Conversion

- Ezekiel 36:24-30
- Psalm 51
- Luke 15:1-7