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Talk title: Jesus and a woman caught in adultery

Bible verses: John 8: 1-11

What are the main points?

- Jesus doesn't condemn people
- We aren't to condemn others
- Are we giving people love, giving them space to allow God to speak to them and bring change rather than condemning them?

Questions to prompt conversation...

What strikes you about this passage/ talk?

Are there things you identify with in this passage?

(examples were given of being voiceless, having a voice, wanting to see things done 'right', facing consequences and feeling alone, being interrupted, full of shame, humiliation or frightened, being an onlooker and uninvolved)

How do you think Jesus speaks to you in this place?

Jesus gave himself space to deal with what he was being asked. V6b

- How can we make sure that in difficult places we don't just react but we actually are intentional in our actions?

How do you think you would have felt if you were among the leaders and Pharisees when Jesus stooped down again in v8? Why?

How do you think the woman felt as she watched everyone leave?

How do you think she felt when Jesus spoke directly to her?

Do you feel like God condemns you?

Do you feel like people condemn you?

What do you think Jesus would say to you if you were brought before him?

Do you think it is easier to have the strength to change when someone has shown you compassion rather than condemnation?

Share any relevant experiences you might want to share

Pray together about whatever this passage brings up

Pray about having the power to change and move to be more like Jesus from a place of love and compassion.