



# Sermon Discussion Guide

November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024

*Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.*

## Key Point: Jesus doesn't condemn.

### Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. Who was your favorite friend when you were younger? Why did you like them so much?
2. Describe a time when you got caught doing something wrong as a kid.

### Transition / Open in prayer

3. How does favoritism show up in our world today?

### Life Examination:

READ John 8:1-11

4. What do you notice about Jesus in this passage? How about the teachers of the law?
5. How was the question in verse 5 a trap for Jesus?
6. What do you think Jesus was writing on the ground?
7. What is the difference between condemnation and the words Jesus said at the end of verse 11.

READ James 2:5-13

8. What is the difference between poor people and rich people according to James?
9. How do you think James would define favoritism?
10. Why does mercy triumph over judgment?

### Life Application:

11. When someone hurts you or someone you love what is the process to move from revenge to forgiveness?
12. Why is the church in America known for hypocrisy? What can we do about it?
13. What are some ways that governments or people try to balance justice for the offended and compassion for the offender?
14. What makes it difficult for you to hold grace and truth at the same time?

**Life Prayers:** Pray for one another and ask God to help you grow in grace and truth.