



O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Jesus Comes for Sinners

Pastor Josh continued our Advent sermon series by looking at the story about the woman caught in adultery (John 8.2-11). In this passage we see Jesus' heart for sinners and how he shows us kindness and gentleness and even releases us from condemnation. We'll explore this passage further today and consider what it might mean for us especially as we move towards Christmas and the holiday season.

VISION: Explain the purpose of lifegroup.

FAMILY TIME:

- Introduction Question: What are you most looking forward to this holiday season?
- Accountability Question: How have we put into practice what God spoke to us about last time?
- Sharing praise reports and prayer requests.

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY: John 8.2-11

2 At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. **3** The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group **4** and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. **5** In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" **6** They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him. But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. **7** When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." **8** Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground. **9** At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there. **10** Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" **11** "No one,

sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."

Discussion Questions:

- What strikes me from this text and why?
- What do I learn about Jesus?
- What do I learn about people or myself?
- What does it mean to me that Jesus doesn't condemn me for my sin?
- What would it look like to release those who've sinned against me to Jesus?

COMMISSIONING

- Pray for each other over the things God spoke to each person and over what we're going to do as a result.
- Let's invite Jesus to be the light in our lives that we and those around us need.