

Study Guide for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009. No Condemnation. John 7:53-8:11

Introduction: Describe a time when God worked to remove a sense of shame for some action and replaced it with an assurance of his forgiveness. How did your life change?

Note: While this text was not part of John's original writing, from early on it has been known and recognized as a part of the gospel tradition. What it teaches is affirmed throughout the Scriptures and it seems to accurately reflect the character of Jesus.

I. The trap is sprung. (John 7:53-8:6a)

- A. Where is Jesus teaching?                      At what time?                      Who is listening?
- B. What do the teachers of the law and Pharisees attempt?                      By what means?
- C. What does the Law of Moses teach regarding adultery? (Lev. 20:10 & Dt. 22:22-24)
- D. What does Jesus teach regarding judging others? (Matt. 7:1-5 & Luke 6:37-38)
- E. How are we in the church unwittingly following the pattern of Pharisees in this text?

II. The reversal. (John 8:6b-8)

- A. What action does Jesus take and not take when confronted with the question? (vs. 5)
- B. What is the response of the teachers of the law and the Pharisees? (vs. 7)
- C. What was the purpose of Jesus statement? (vs. 7b) What did he do after making it?
- D. What instruction is given to Christians when they see another Christian fall into sin?
  - 1) Rom. 15:1-3:                      2) Gal. 6:1-5:                      3) I Thess. 5:14-15:
- E. What has helped you pursue holiness without becoming hypocritical?

III. The declaration of freedom. (John 8:9-11)

- A. What do the accusers do at this point?                      In what order?
- B. What does Jesus ask the woman?                      How does she reply?
- C. What is Jesus final statement to her?
- D. Read and reflect on Rom. 8:1-4 in light of this passage and your struggle with sin.