



WORSHIP

Read Romans 8:31-39 aloud. Take a moment to reflect on God's Word and center in Him.

FELLOWSHIP

Is there a naughty behavior or secret from your childhood that you've never told your parents about? Why have you kept it from them?

DISCUSSION

You can watch a [sermon overview video from Pastor Mike here](#).

1. Read John 8:1-11.

Try to put yourself in the shoes of the teachers and Pharisees. What do you notice? When have you judged others?

Now try to imagine this story from the perspective of the adulterous woman. What do you notice? When have you received mercy from Jesus or others?

2. As you consider the passage above, what do you notice about Jesus' actions, especially His words in v. 11? Are they surprising to you? How are they instructive?
3. Jesus didn't condemn the adulterous woman. Where do you find yourself in this story today: Will you throw a stone or offer grace? Will you accuse and walk away, or will you stay and restore?
4. When has a painful experience drawn you closer to God?
5. Pastor Mike noted that "God has a special place in His heart for the poor and oppressed, for the widow and orphan, for the powerless." He loves children and women facing unplanned pregnancies.

Is there a vulnerable group or individual that God is inviting you to care for?
What step will you take this week?

6. For further reflection: Are you carrying any hidden sins or inner wounds that are affecting your relationships with God or others?
If so, are you ready to seek forgiveness or welcome healing from Jesus?
How can you remember the mercy you've received from Jesus and extend it to others?

If the sermon or the conversation stirred your heart because you or someone you know have been carrying the guilt or shame of an abortion in the past, know that you are not alone. Christ wants to redeem you and give you the fullness of life that He has for you.

The road to healing is being offered through a **9 week Bible study for post-abortive women**, starting February 9. To sign up please email directly to the leaders at stsbs2020@gmail.com. This is completely confidential!

PRAYER

Ask for prayer requests; try to remember any needs that came up during the fellowship or discussion time. Check in on requests from last week, if you can. Does anyone have a practical need that another group member may be able to help with?

Pray for group, church, and community needs. Consider using this prayer:

Father, please forgive our sins and any ways we have stood in judgment of others. Impress on our hearts the truth that we are all broken. Help us to have the heart of Jesus, offering help, healing, and forgiveness to those that are hurting and walking in silent shame. Thank you for the gift of Your Son Jesus who made restoration and redemption possible for each of us, no matter what our sin. Amen.