

John 8 : 1 - 11

Verse 6 states a trap has been set. Most traps have a small piece where a shift in weight or force is needed to catch the prey.

Where is the pivot point in this trap?

What point does Jesus choose to focus on?

Who is focused on what?

All the people who came to hear Jesus teach

All the people who came to the temple for other reasons

The teachers of the law and the Pharisees

The woman caught in adultery

Jesus

What may have motivated each of these persons to be at the temple courts that morning?

Can behavior give clues to motivations? Why or why not?

How do you think each of these people behaved when Jesus was questioned?

If this story were a painting, where do you think the light would be coming from, focusing on, or what would be left in shadow?

Many people speculate about the shapes or words Jesus wrote on the ground, but read verse 9 again. Can you hear people asking, "What did he say?" when men started to leave.

What did he say?

Others have asked, "It takes two to commit adultery - where is the other person?"

How does this take our focus off of what Jesus says to us?

Why is the mercy we expect or hope for ourselves so different from that we expect others to receive?

The accusers are gone.

The one with the right to condemn remains.

Why was Jesus there in the first place?

What can we learn?

How will our own words change after our encounter with him in the temple courts?

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1. What looks **hopeless** can always be turned into **hope** through Christ.

Main themes of today's passage:

- Do not have a judgmental, condemning heart
- The amazing, grace filled forgiveness of Jesus Christ

2. We have all been **caught in our sin**.

Romans 3:23

3. This passage causes us to do a **heart** and **gut** check on how we are treating people.

4. Jesus was moved with **compassion** for the people. Matthew 9:36

5. If we have **received Christ** we too are no longer **condemned**.

John 3:18