

- Drop the Stones –

Ice-Breaker:

- **Think back to a time when a Christian unfairly judged you.**
  - **How did you feel about that individual and how did you respond?**
  - **Did that person's actions affect your view of Christians and/or the church in general?**

Discussion:

1. **Read John 8:2-6**
   - **What was the true intent of the teachers of the law and Pharisees here?**
   - **What is the intent of most Christians who judge others?**
   - **Why do you think Jesus responded as He did, initially?**

2. **Read Leviticus 20:10; Deuteronomy 17:7**
   - **Who was missing in this investigation?**
   - **Why do you suppose that was the case?**

3. **Read Deuteronomy 19:15-19**
   - **If a 'malicious' witness (one with ulterior motives) was involved, they could end up being stoned to death. How did these eyewitnesses prove to be full of malice in this matter?**

4. **Read John 8:7; Deuteronomy 17:7**
   - **How did Jesus' posture change here, and why do you think He changed His posture?**
   - **Why did Jesus insist that the ones without sin in this matter throw the first stone?**
   - **Why didn't they throw a stone (see Deuteronomy 19:15-19 above)?**

5. **Read John 8:8-11**
   - **Could Jesus have condemned this woman to death? Why do you think He chose not to do so?**
   - **How might the grace that Jesus showed this woman affect her ability to leave her life of sin? Have you experienced that dynamic in your own life?**

Personal Application:

- **Consider at least one area of sin you struggle with, and what steps you need to take to overcome it.**
- **What stones (judgment toward others) do you need to drop?**
- **What steps do you need to take to let go of past grievances toward others?**