

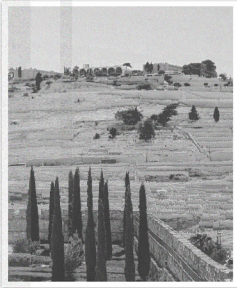
The Purpose of This Book

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



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## “A NATION CAUGHT IN ADULTERY” discussion questions

Opening question: What did you learn from Sunday’s message?

1. How strong would you say your sense of justice is? How eager are you to see it meted out? Are you a strict rule-follower who expects the same of others? Discuss the pros and cons of being such a person.

2. Read Romans 2:1-3 and 21-24. Does this mean we are never to make judgments? What does the often quoted Matthew 7:1 mean: “Judge not, lest you be judged?” Read verses 3-5 as well. How should we apply this?

3. Read Proverbs 24:18 and Psalm 35:11-16. How should we respond toward other people’s failures, faults, pains, or even their malice toward us? Why do we often fail to do this?

4. Do other people’s gross failures ever make you feel better about yourself? What’s wrong with that, and how can one change in that area? Discuss Mark Lowry’s quote from Sunday: “Love the sinner, hate the sin? How about: Love the sinner, hate your own sin! I don’t have time to hate your sin. There are too many of you! Hating my sin is a full-time job. How about you hate your sin, I’ll hate my sin, and let’s just love each other!”

5. Read Ephesians 2:4-7. Do you view God as being “rich” in mercy? Do you believe he prefers mercy over judgment, as James 2:13 says? Do you live your life with a banner over your head that reads “No Condemnation!”? How does one grow in these things? How do they affect our ability to freely extend mercy to others?

### The Book of John

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.<sup>2</sup> All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.<sup>3</sup> In him was life, and the life was the light of men.<sup>4</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.<sup>5</sup> There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.<sup>6</sup> He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

<sup>7</sup> The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.<sup>8</sup> He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him.<sup>9</sup> He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.<sup>10</sup> But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God.<sup>11</sup> Who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>12</sup> And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.<sup>13</sup> (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) <sup>14</sup> For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.<sup>15</sup> For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.<sup>16</sup> No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

