

# GROUP DISCUSSION

Questions for facilitating dynamic discussion

## Revolutionary Love

**Week 4: Loving Imperfect People**  
**John 8:1-11**

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Jesus was called a “friend of sinners” and we should be called the same. It is difficult to love people engaged in lifestyles that are categorically opposed to our Christian ways. Yet, Jesus will show us the way that we can live out this type of “Revolutionary Love.”

**Kicking it off:** Is your Halloween candy gone yet? Which candy is your greatest temptation?

### Discussion:

1. Reread John 8:4-6 *The Pharisees said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. In the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” They were using this question as a trap.*

How were they trying to trap Jesus?

2. Why were some of the Old Testament punishments so severe?
3. Reread John 8:6-7 *Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger and they kept on questioning him.*

What is the significance of what Jesus is doing in these verses?

4. Reread John 8:7 *Jesus straightened up and said to them, “Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”*

What does a “stone throwing” Christian look like today? Why is modern “stone throwing” inappropriate?

5. Reread John 8:11 *“Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”*

Christians are often called “haters” because of their conviction that some lifestyles are sinful. How would you defend Christians against this accusation?

6. Read Romans 2:4 *“God’s kindness leads to repentance.”*

When evangelizing people in sinful lifestyles, it is preferable to lead with Christ’s grace instead of leading with Christ’s rules. Why is this so?

**Wrapping It Up:** We will not be a “friend of sinners” without help from the Lord. Spend some time praying for the Lord to help you love sinful people as Jesus did.