**100 Days with Jesus**

**Study No. 10 John 8:3-11**

**Introduction**

Adultery is a bad thing, a sign of lives gone wrong. Sometimes it represents a genuine search for love in a loveless marriage, for real fire in a grate that has stood cold for years. Often it is a selfish desire for extra pleasure. It causes deep and lasting pain and can completely wreck a life. It always leaves someone, be they a wife, husband or child, filled with deep regrets. If this woman is adulterous then there is pain, breaking of trust and guilt all over the place.

**Questions**

Read John 8:3-11

1. 8:3 says that the woman had been caught in the act of adultery. Why is it the women alone who is being judged by the Pharisees?
2. 8:5 – Why do you think the law of Moses takes such a harsh stance against adultery?
3. We often tend to think some sins are worse than others. What do you think God thinks?
4. 8:6 – Why do you think the Pharisees were often trying to trap Jesus?
5. 8:6-8 – Why do you think Jesus wrote on the ground?
6. Why do you think we are often quick to judge others?
7. Looking at this story of Jesus dealing with this woman, what does it teach us about God.
8. Have you ever been aware of Jesus forgiving you? How did it feel?

**Key question to finish: Who is God and how do we respond?**

**Prayer**

Lord Jesus

Who am I judging today?

Who am I pointing fingers at?

Who am I looking down on?

May you touch my heart

With empathy, understanding and sensitivity.

Amen.

**Leaders notes**

2. The law of Moses is the first five books of the Bible. This law is in Leviticus 20:10.

5. We don’t know.

i) Some people think he may have been playing for time while he thought out his response.

ii) Others think he was writing specific sins of those who were stood around him.

iii) Another idea is that he was echoing Roman law, and writing firstly her crime – adultery – and secondly her sentence – death. But the words were temporary, scuffed out by the feet of her accusers as they shuffled away. So it becomes an emblem of forgiveness: our sins aren't written in concrete, but in dust.