



## **“Why Is the Church Responsible for So Much Injustice” John 8:1-11**

### **Introduction**

Throughout its history, the church of Jesus Christ has had its ups and downs. There have been wonderful moments of faithful cultural influence and moments when we have not lived out the true nature of faith. As followers of Jesus, we have to figure out how to follow a Savior that looks at every single person in the world and says, “I’m on your side, but there is a better way.”

### **Discussion**

- Have you ever been on the wrong side of an injustice? What happened?
- Do you think justice is as black and white and we want it to be?

### **Going Deeper<sup>1</sup>**

- Read John 8:1-11. Who is “on the stand” in this scene? Explain.
- Do the Pharisees have validity in their complaint? If so, what is it?
- What do you think motivated the Pharisees desire to trap Jesus?
- Was Jesus out of line in telling the woman to “go and sin no more”? Why or why not?
- Read Romans 3:22b-24. What stands out to you about this text?
- Why is it easy to misuse scripture for unjust or oppressive purposes?

### **Application**

- Why are we so quick to point out other people’s sin without considering our own?
- Is it ever ok to use someone else’s brokenness to prove your spiritual point (i.e. the Pharisees using the woman and her sin to trap Jesus)?
- How can the church today be part of redeeming injustices of the past?
- How can we be in prayer for you?

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<sup>1</sup> Scripture references are from the NIV.