



## Connect Group study

The story of the woman caught in adultery is one of the most well-loved accounts in John's gospel. This study compares and contrasts the way the Pharisees and Jesus dealt with the woman. We'll also think about how we ourselves judge others.

### Read

John 8:1-11

### Reflect

Q1. The lady in this story was effectively put 'on trial' by the religious leaders. Why was this 'trial' a farce?

Q2. In this passage we see that the way this was judged was:

- a. Ill-motivated
- b. Unfair
- c. Hypocritical

Discuss how these negative attributes are played out in the story.

Q3. How does Jesus judge this lady and how does that compare with how the others treat her?

Q4. Why was Jesus able to 'overlook' the law of Moses which taught that adulteresses should be stoned? (Leviticus 20:10)

Q5. In verse 11, there are two distinct parts to what Jesus says. Discuss both parts of His reply and their relationship to one another.

### Respond

Q6. Jesus had some things to say about judging others in Matthew 7:1-5.

- a. What is the message here?
- b. What do you feel God is saying to you personally through these verses?

### Suggested memory verse(s):

'Do not judge, or you too will be judged. 2 For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (Matthew 7:1-2 NIV)