

# SERMON REFLECTIONS

## The Justice of Jesus

John 8:2-11 | 6 September 2026 | Pastor Luke Yan

### Reflection Questions

1. Assign different DG members to take the perspective of the different characters in the incident, excluding Jesus (i.e. Jewish leaders, Jesus's disciples, Jesus's audience, the woman). Read the Scripture text together and imagine what your character would have felt in that situation. Share with one another.
2. Jesus called out the self-righteous attitudes that the Jewish leaders adopted towards the woman. When we encounter the sinfulness of the people around us, it might also be easy for us to think we are better than them.

In what ways have you struggled with self-righteous thoughts towards the people around you (e.g. colleagues, friends, churchmates, family members, people you are reaching out to)? What about the examples of sin that you see in the news or social media?

3. Jesus called the Jewish leaders to **humble reflection** of their own sinfulness by saying, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her".

How would recognising your own sin and need for God's grace impact the way you look at the sins of others? How can you develop a habit of **humble reflection**?

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4. The Jewish leaders treated the woman as a tool for them to use in their attempt to trap Jesus. Have we treated others in similar ways, seeing them as tools to help us reach certain goals and positions in our workplaces, homes, church, or society?
5. Even though he was already justified before the Jewish leaders and public, Jesus went further and displayed **loving compassion** for the woman, treating her as a person of value created by God. He met her needs by removing the shame she felt before society and before God.

What difference would it make if our acts of service were rooted in **loving compassion** rather than about justifying ourselves through obligation or performance? How might you reach out to someone in love over the coming week?

6. At the end, Jesus called the woman to repent of her sinful lifestyle and be restored to God in holiness. He showed that true justice does not leave a person as they are or only meet their needs superficially, but also seeks **repentant restoration** by turning them away from things that harm them.

How does the call to **repentant restoration** affect the way you reach out to others? How can you use your acts of service to turn others away from sin and restore them to our heavenly Father?

(For individual consideration) What does this call to repentant restoration mean to you? Are there sins you are deliberately engaging in or struggling to find freedom from? How is the Holy Spirit leading you to be restored to God?

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