



Week 2: May 19-25

Introduce Guests/Share Life: *How has this week been going? Good? Bad? Ugly? Things to celebrate?*

Open in Prayer: *Include any prayer needs that came up while you were sharing life together.*

Recall the Guidelines: *Ask: "What is the purpose of the guidelines?" Answer: To be relational!*

Share the Vision: *Successful leadership means learning to relate to others like Jesus. Together, we want to compare ourselves to Jesus and His Word, be transparent, and work together to be more like Him.*

Retell Last Week's Story: John 3:22-30 (John the Baptist and his disciples).

Hook Question: When have you experienced forgiveness that you felt like you did not deserve?

Ask someone from your team to read or tell the following background for the story:

The political climate during Jesus's life and ministry was hot. Tensions were high. The religious leaders of that day had power to protect and their own interests to look after. They were part of a tradition that had been passed down for generations. Their tradition shaped their worldview and gave them privileges they would not have otherwise had. Sadly, this tradition had also led them far from the heart of God. They loved law and justice, but they had overlooked God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness.

In today's story, Jesus comes face to face with some of these religious leaders. They did not like Jesus because He threatened their traditions. They wanted to entrap Him so that He would lose credibility with people. So, they found a situation and confronted Him with it. They wanted to trick Jesus into not following the law so that they could accuse Him. But Jesus saw through their intentions. Jesus responded to the situation according to His nature – the nature of God. In His response, Jesus showed us one of the marks of a true leader: true leaders use their power to restore others through forgiveness. With this our story begins...

Tell the story from John 8:2-11: *Use different storytellers. Teach your group to share God's Word.*

Rebuild the story: *Group members retell the story based on what they remember.*

Read the WHOLE story from John 8:2-11: *Ask the group to read these verses.*

Discussion Questions: learn to talk about God's Word with others...

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| <p>Head
Questions:
Quicker
tempo.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What defined Jesus's leadership in this situation? How would you describe His leadership? • What do you like or dislike about this story? • What does this story teach us about people? (We are people. Find an "I" statement in your answer.) • What does this story teach us about God? |
| <p>Heart & Hand
Questions:
Slow down &
wait!</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What do you think God is trying to show you right now? How do you need to change? • Who could retell the story for us right here one last time? |

Thank your storyteller for sharing the Word. Ask for a volunteer storyteller for next week. Close in prayer.

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10min