

**2020 Embracing a New Vision**  
**Grace Embraced- Week #2**  
**Small Group Notes**  
**April 16 and 19**

**Main Point:** The Gospel gives a clear vision for life.

**Introduction:**

Read Acts 9:17-19. So often we can think that we can navigate through darkness when God wants us to learn how to simply trust in the light of Christ that has been provided. Today, we are going to see a way in which the Light (Jesus) has been given to us to help us to see the grace of God more clearly in our lives!

**Discuss:**

**1. Read John 7:53-8:2**

- Light has a way of clearing our vision

Explain: The setting is that Jesus is at the temple courts and teaching. Jesus was just at a festival and declared that He is the living water and the Pharisees wanted to seize him but the people were showing support to Jesus. Jesus shows us how He continued in His mission to teach people.

Ask: What is your mission as a follower of Jesus? What are opportunities that you have seen to live out that mission recently?

**2. Read John 8:3-5**

- We all view life through a flawed lens

Explain: The dilemma is presented: If Jesus agreed to stone the woman, He would incur the distrust of the sinners He came to save as well as break Roman law. But a refusal to stone her would make Him vulnerable to the accusation that He treated the Law of Moses lightly.

Ask: How might the woman have felt during this experience? How would you want others to respond? How do we sometimes see others like the Pharisees?

**3. Read John 8:6-8**

- Jesus reveals that He is the author of the story.

- We all have skewed vision because of sin.

Explain: Jesus recognized this was a trap. Rather than condemning, He put the actions back on the Pharisees.

Ask: What do you think Jesus wrote in the dirt? Read Romans 3:23, how does this show that we can be like the Pharisees? What can be examples of this?

#### **4. Read John 8:9-12**

- Notice the one that could have thrown a stone, did not.
- Through the lens of Jesus, we all get a more accurate view of how amazing grace is.
- Clear vision in light of the truth, leads to grace embraced.

Explain: Jesus was effectively introducing grace to the woman, freeing her from shame and condemnation Notice the two statements that Jesus said to her. Jesus shows his attitude towards sin in general as well as his grace that he offers. Read Romans 5:8.

Ask: How does this story reveal that Jesus offers us a new start? How has this time been a reset in your life? Is there someone that you know struggling with shame? How can you use this story to speak God's grace into their life?

Further Commentary resources: <https://enduringword.com/bible-commentary/john-8/>