



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Judging

Questions answered
about The Chosen by
the director

Midweek Youth

Join us every Wed. from 7-8pm for fellowship and prayer along with lessons applying Biblical principles to your life today and get answers to all your questions.

Foster Care Teens Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God⁹ not by works, so that no



Wednesday Nights at 7:00pm

You have questions? We have answers! Join us for coffee, tea, juice, hot chocolate, and light snacks while we discuss whatever is on your mind in a safe,

relaxed atmosphere.

EveryWednesdayNight!

Last Sunday



Judging/Condemning Ourselves

Last Sunday, we started by discussing being unfairly judged by others and also unfairly judging others ourselves.

We looked at the story of the adulterous woman in John 8. We said that probably the most well-known and often repeated line from the story is in **verse 7** when Jesus tells the Pharisees that anyone without sin can throw the first stone. We said this part is often called out by Christians and non-Christians alike when people are accusing others of judging them.

one can boast.

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But, we then said that the most important and often overlooked part is actually in **verse 11** when Jesus tells the woman that He does not condemn her, then tells her to "go and sin no more".

We noticed that Jesus was ironically the only one who could have thrown a stone at her yet He did not. We also noticed that the woman did not have to stop sinning **BEFORE** she was forgiven but was to stop sinning **BECAUSE** she was forgiven.

Then He told her something very important, "Go and sin no more". He told her that she is forgiven, now go and live her life. **Go** and **BE** forgiven.

We said that we often spend our lives beating ourselves up reliving our mistakes over and over again even though we have been forgiven for them.

God wants us to **BE forgiven**, let it go, and move on with our lives. He wants us to not allow our past mistakes to hold us back from the amazing life He has planned for us.

We asked "will we sin again?" and answered "probably". But, will God forgive us again? "Always".

We said that God forgives us so we need to accept His forgiveness, forgive ourselves, and **GO**.

We acknowledged that while God forgives us, the world we live in is not nearly as forgiving. The world likes to keep reminding us of our past mistakes. Satan also likes to keep reminding us of our past mistakes so that we begin to feel that we don't deserve God's love and forgiveness. That's why it's so important to remember who we are as an always forgiven Child of God.

We also acknowledged that while God does not condemn us, the world has consequences for our actions and is quick to condemn us for whatever we did.

We looked at **Ephesians 2** and **Mark 2** for assurance of God's gift of never ending forgiveness and love for us.

We said that no matter who we are and no matter what we have done, God forgives us and will always, always love us, so "**Go and Sin No More**" and live the amazing life that God has planned.

We ended with a reminder that God also forgives others the same way so don't go around condemning

others or reminding them of their past mistakes either.



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