Small Group Questions

EXPOSED VII
Drama Mama
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Announcements

1. For all Rock Church events, please visit http://www.sdrock.com/events/.

2. Let your friends know that they can always live stream the Rock Church Sunday worship experience by visiting http://www.sdrock.com/live/.

3. We are currently in the process of rolling out our new Area Leader and Coach leadership team for the Small Group ministry. If you are interested in joining this team, our could use the benefits of having a Small Group Coach, please contact john.darrow@sdrock.com.

Memory Verse

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11 ESV)

"Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance." (Luke 15:7 ESV)

Discussion Starters

(Use one or more of the following opening discussion starters)

1. Is it possible to be a Christian and still "live in sin?"

2. Do you know people that profess Christ, yet still refuse (or show lack of effort) to remove certain sin from their lives? Explain the situation to the best of your knowledge and how that supports or refutes your answer to #1 above.

Sermon Review and Introduction

The story of the woman caught in adultery in John 8 hits home to all of us. We don't have to be in the same exact place as her to recognize the issue at hand. It was far less about adultery as it was the public humiliation of the sin, and the accusations thrown out by the Pharisees.

This week let's revisit this story and some of the practical implications this story and lesson lay out for us.

1. If necessary briefly review the lesson plan from Sunday and any extra notes you may have taken with the group.

   CONDEMN: The act of pronouncing someone guilty after weighing the evidence.

   - We are more committed to proving how much we know versus **who** we know.
   - We believe that highlighting the sins of someone else will **distract** God from our own sin.
   - We are more interested in breaking broken people versus **helping** broken people.

Add'l Notes:

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2. Read John 7:53-8:12 together as a group. Go around and discuss important points listed in the story. Identify the key characters in the story and what role do they play.

3. What was the purpose of the scribes and Pharisees bringing the woman before Jesus? Why do you suppose they neglected to bring the man forward too?

4. How does Jesus respond to the accusations of the woman?
   Note: He actually responds twice – v. 7 and 11. Discuss the importance of both the statements.

5. In v. 11, Jesus states, "Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more." What was Jesus' view on sin and repentance?
   Consider the following passages:
   - John 5:14
   - John 3:17
6. What is our responsibility as Christians when we see our brother or sister in sin? Do we confront them, or do we allow them to continue? Explain why.

7. If you were stuck in sin would you prefer your brother or sister leave you alone or confront you? Explain why.