



# SMALL GROUP LEADER GUIDE

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## CONVERSATION GUIDE

### BOTTOM LINE

Drop the rock.

### SCRIPTURE

*"All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!" Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust. When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, "Where are your accusers? Didn't even one of them condemn you?" "No, Lord," she said. And Jesus said, "Neither do I. Go and sin no more" (John 8:7b-11 NLT).*

### GOAL OF SMALL GROUP

To encourage students to move away from judging others (and comparing sins) and toward offering grace to the people around them.

### THINK ABOUT THIS

Leaders—this conversation might lend itself to gossip (even gossip about students in the group). Remind your students that this isn't a time to call out specific people.

**Create meaningful conversation. Adjust the questions as needed, and don't feel like you need to answer all of them.**

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do people you know like to hate on the most?
2. Why is it so easy (or even enjoyable) to hate on other people?
3. How does it feel when someone hates on you?
4. Knowing how bad it feels to be hated on, why do you think we're so quick to hate on others?
5. What does the story of the woman caught in sin show us about Jesus?
6. How would our lives look different if we stopped judging other people?
7. Think about the one thing you're most tempted to hate on in others. What's one thing you can do to consistently drop the rock of judgment this week?

### TRY THIS

Leaders—as you wrap up this discussion, talk about situations this week where your students might be likely to judge others. Text them this week to encourage them to drop the rock when they find themselves in those situations.