

## Life-Sharing /Pioneers Hope Has Come--Embarrassment John 8:1-11

1. When was at time in your life when someone seem to come out of nowhere and resued you in a particular situation?
2. What do you think of when you hear, "there is hope."

### John 8:1-11 Today's New International Version (TNIV)

**8** <sup>1</sup> *but Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.* <sup>2</sup> *At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them.* <sup>3</sup> *The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group* <sup>4</sup> *and said to Jesus, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery.* <sup>5</sup> *In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?"* <sup>6</sup> *They were using this question as a trap, in order to have a basis for accusing him.*

*But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger.* <sup>7</sup> *When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."* <sup>8</sup> *Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.*

<sup>9</sup> *At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the older ones first, until only Jesus was left, with the woman still standing there.* <sup>10</sup> *Jesus straightened up and asked her, "Woman,<sup>[a]</sup> where are they? Has no one condemned you?"* <sup>11</sup> *"No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin."*

3. What is the first thing suspicious about the Pharisees bringing in the woman?

4. If you had of been the woman, what kinds of thoughts may have been going through your mind? What is she probably hoping for?

5. What are we hoping for when we choose to sin?

6. Why are we unable to predict all the consequences which might come from our choosing to sin? Why does our sin embarrass us?
  
7. What do you think is the trap that the Pharisees are attempting to set? What are the Pharisees hoping is going to happen?
  
8. What do you think Jesus may been writing on the ground?
  
9. What is Jesus hoping for when he gives them permission to stone the woman?
  
10. What are the Pharisees thinking when they start to walk away? What are they hoping for?
  
11. What do you think the woman is feeling when she's standing there with Jesus? Why doesn't she simply run away and escape?
  
12. What does Jesus actually mean when he says "neither do I condemn you"? What does Jesus' statement do for the woman's future?
  
13. Do you think this passage is teaching that we are not suppose to tell each other that our behavior is wrong when we sin?
  
14. Why does Jesus tell the woman to "go now and leave your life of sin." What is that Jesus is hoping is going to happen in this ladies life?
  
15. What is it that Jesus is hoping going to happen in your life this week?

## Life-Sharing & Pioneers Lesson 2 “Hope Has Come” Be Thankful

### Luke 17:11-19

1. Who has done something for you that you wish you could go back and say “thank you” to them because it made a difference in your life?
2. Looking back over your life, has it been a life of going out of your way to welcome or to be friends with people that others have rejected?

### Luke 17:11-19

Today's New International Version (TNIV) **Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy**

***<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy<sup>[a]</sup> met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”***

***<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”***

3. What do you think it felt like to have leprosy?
4. Why do you think these ten men are together?
5. What hopes do the 10 men who have leprosy have in calling out to Jesus?

6. What sins do some people carry that cause some people in the church to treat them as though they have leprosy?
  
7. What do people hope to find when they come to church after being labeled a leper by society?
  
  
8. What do you think was going through the mind of the nine when they saw they had been healed?
  
  
  
9. Was the one who returned to Jesus being disobedient since Jesus had told them all to go show themselves to the priest? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
10. Why does our healing sometimes come as we do what God told us to do, rather than praying and immediately seeing a change?
  
  
  
  
  
11. What was the one who was healed hoping for when he turned back to thank Jesus?
  
  
  
  
  
12. Why does the Scriptures point out that the man who returned was a Samaritan?
  
  
  
  
  
13. What was Jesus hoping for in healing the ten men?

14. When was the last time you praised God in a loud voice for something God has done for you? Why are we more reserved in saying thank you?

15. Is Jesus adding something to the man's healing by saying "your faith has made you well?"

16. Who is Jesus asking you to be more welcoming of into your life? What is Jesus hoping for you in the process?

## Life-Sharing Lesson 3 Hope Has Come “When Jesus Cries” Luke 19:28-44

1. When has God told you to do something, that left you wondering if it was really God or not?

### Luke 19:28-44

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#### Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

<sup>28</sup> After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. <sup>29</sup> As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, <sup>30</sup> “Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

<sup>31</sup> If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

<sup>32</sup> Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. <sup>33</sup> As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” <sup>34</sup> They replied, “The Lord needs it.” <sup>35</sup> They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup> As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

<sup>37</sup> When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

<sup>38</sup> “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”<sup>[a]</sup> “Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” <sup>39</sup> Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!” <sup>40</sup> “I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

<sup>41</sup> As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it <sup>42</sup> and said, “If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes. <sup>43</sup> The days will come on you when your enemies will build an embankment against you and encircle you and hem you in on every side. <sup>44</sup> They will dash you to the ground, you and the children within your walls. They will not leave one stone on another, because you did not recognize the time of God’s coming to you.”

2. Why might the disciples be a little nervous about following Jesus’s instructions in verses 28-31.”

3. Why does God call us to do some things that appear to not be such a good idea at the time?
  
4. What can we learn about Jesus from verses 29-34?
  
5. What was Jesus hoping for in his instructions to the disciples?
  
6. How far out in advance do you think the Lord has provided for our needs to be taken care of?
  
7. What are the people hoping for in their praise and adoration of Jesus?
  
8. Why are the Pharisees so upset with Jesus?
  
9. With all the people praising Jesus early in the week, why are there none there to speak up on his behalf at his trials later that week?
  
10. Why do we offer praise joyfully on Sunday, but speak up so little for Jesus later in the week? How do we overcome this.

11. How did the people in Jerusalem miss what Jesus was trying to offer to them?
  
12. What causes us to miss out on what Jesus is trying to bring to us as individuals and as a church?
  
13. If Jesus rode up to our church today, why might he start to weep over us?
  
14. What do you think is Jesus' hope for our church?
  
15. What is Jesus' hope for you this Palm Sunday?