

# WHO GIVES A HOPE?

## John 8:1-11 (Pew Bible Page 757)

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Hope - "springs eternal; hope floats; hope is a walking dream..."

Hope - "to look forward with desire and reasonable confidence"

Hope - the theme of the New Testament Church

Hope - is desperately needed today

*"If you lose hope, somehow you lose the vitality that keeps life moving, you lose that courage to be, that quality that helps you go on in spite of it all"* Martin Luther King, Jr.

### HOW DID CHURCHES LOSE OUT ON "HOPE"?

- California survey rated "Evangelical Churches" slightly below PROSTITUTES and slightly above LAWYERS
- True in Jesus' day  
*"The teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group."* John 8:3
- Religion tends to look down on BROKEN PEOPLE  
*"...the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner'"* Luke 19:7
- Religion focuses on the external and tries to control using CONDEMNATION, GUILT, HOLIER THAN THOU  
*"You travel over land and sea to win one follower. And when you have done so, you make that person twice as fit for hell as you are."* Matthew 23:15

### JESUS: OUR EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO GIVES A HOPE

H-Having O-Opportunity P-Provide E-Encouragement

1. Hope puts people over RULES  
*"In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such a woman. Now what do you say?"* John 8:5

*"The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."*

Mark 2:27

2. Hope can come in **UNUSUAL WAYS**

*"But Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger...and said to them, 'If any of you is without any sin, let him be the one to throw the first stone at her.'"* John 8:6-7

3. Hope stands with the **BROKEN**

*"...they made her stand before the group"* John 8:3

4. Hope offers grace not **CONDEMNATION**

*"Neither do I condemn you", Jesus declared, "Go now and leave your life of sin"* John 8:11

5. Hope believes people **CAN CHANGE**

Philippians 4:13

Who gives a hope?

I will

My Small Group/Bible Study will

My Church family will