



Drop your rocks - John 8 - Ken DeCook

Icebreaker:

1. What is the best way to handle another person's hostility and ease tensions?
2. What has frustrated you in the recent past? Explain.

Summary:

Our culture today is so divisive. It's one side or the other. We are fed stories that make us angry, or fearful, making villains out of groups, ideas, and people. In John 8 we see Jesus respond to a riot in a different way. Instead of hate and violence, Jesus responds in a curious, almost mysterious way. The outcome is filled with grace and new life. What are we so angry about that we've lost sight of the person on the other side? God wants us to respond to hate, division, and fear with grace, compassion and truth.

Engage the Bible:

John 8 - Open your Bibles to this chapter of John. Have someone read it out loud. **Underline some key words/phrases that stand out to you. Think about the scene, can you imagine yourself there? Who are the main people? How do they respond and how does Jesus react?**

Small Group Questions:

- What groups, topics, or things do you care passionately about?
- When have you or someone you know gotten so fired up that you "got your pitchfork"?
- What are ways that we can remember that none of us are without sin?
- How can you be intentional about leaning into those passionate topics with grace instead of condemnation?
- How can you de-escalate intense moments with compassion and grace like Jesus did?