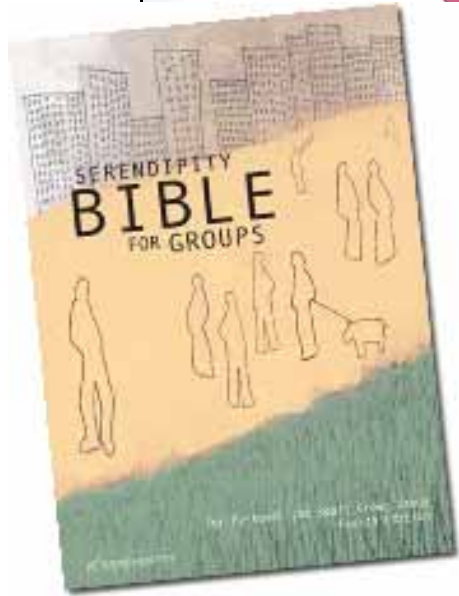


Bible Study, Using The Serendipity Bible¹³



60 ELT-NEED COURSES



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WOMEN



7 REAL BEAUTY: Living in a World of Glitz

"It's a constant battle! My hair, my shape and my clothes are never quite right. I know I don't need to measure up to the glamorous stereotype, but where can I find a role model for real beauty?"



Option 1: BEGINNER: Bible Stories with Guided Questionnaires

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1 I Don't Measure Up	<i>Amazing affirmation</i> John 7:53–8:11	1490
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5 Staying Focused	<i>Wealthy woman stays focused</i> 2 Kings 4:8–37	527
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Option 2: ADVANCED: Bible Teachings with Margin Questions

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4 Finding My Own Style	<i>"Be imitators of God"</i> Ephesians 5:1–20	1628
5 Staying Focused	<i>Keeping the goal in sight</i> Ephesians 3:14–21	1627
6 Achieving Real Beauty	<i>"You surpass them all"</i> Proverbs 31:10–31	916

John 7:51


1490


their own number, asked, ⁵¹“Does our law condemn anyone without first hearing him to find out what he is doing?”


⁵²They replied, “Are you from Galilee, too? Look into it, and you will find that a prophet^a does not come out of Galilee.”

[The earliest manuscripts and many other ancient witnesses do not have John 7:53–8:11.]



 Describe a time in your childhood when someone tattled on you.

 1. How is this situation a trap for Jesus? What would the Pharisees accuse Jesus of if he told them to let her go? If he told them to stone her? How does he spring the trap (v. 7)? 2. How would the woman just caught in adultery have felt? What was the significance of Jesus' question in verse 10? 3. How does Jesus' response to the woman exemplify "grace and truth" (1:17)?

 1. How does the way Jesus treated this woman help you face your sins? 2. Jesus accepts you "as is." Does that free you to

⁵³Then each went to his own home.

8 But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. ²At dawn he appeared again in the temple courts, where all the people gathered around him, and he sat down to teach them. ³The teachers of the law and the Pharisees brought in a woman caught in adultery. They made her stand before the group ⁴and said to Jesus, “Teacher, this woman was caught in the act of adultery. ⁵In the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?” ⁶They 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. ⁷When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, “If any one of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” ⁸Again he stooped down and wrote on the ground.

⁹At this, those who heard began to go away one at a time, the

^a52 Two early manuscripts *the Prophet*



John 7:53–8:11

THE WOMAN CAUGHT IN ADULTERY

For Lite Study

The story of the woman caught in the act of adultery is a good example of an amazing act of acceptance by Jesus. Even though the Pharisees put a lot of pressure on Jesus to go along with the crowd and condemn this woman, he chose to accept her and encourage her to turn her life around.

Optional Ice-Breaker Questions:

- As a child, when were you caught “red-handed” doing something you shouldn’t have?
- Who has really been an encouragement to you?

1. Why do you think Jesus bent down and wrote on the ground?
 - to cool off
 - to divert attention from the woman
 - to give himself time to think
 - to force the accusers to think
 - to write something for the accusers to see
 - other: _____

2. What was Jesus saying when he said, “If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone”?
 - deal with your own sin first
 - you see in others your own sin
 - Your condemnation of this woman is wrong.
 - other: _____

3. What was Jesus' message when he said, “Neither do I condemn you. Go now and leave your life of sin”?
 - acquittal: “The charges have been dropped.”
 - warning: “I’ll let you off this time, but don’t do it again.”
 - encouragement: “You’re a beautiful person and you don’t have to live like you used to.”
 - challenge: “The evidence of forgiveness is a changed life.”
 - other: _____

4. When have you felt “tried and convicted” by the crowd?

5. What do you do when you blow it?
 - when I didn’t make a team
 - when I didn’t feel good enough to belong
 - when I was turned down for a job or a promotion
 - when I stood up for my faith
 - other: _____
5. What do you do when you blow it?
 - confess it to God and move on
 - confess it to another person
 - try to make up for it
 - shrug it off
 - other: _____
6. When did you come to realize Jesus values you as a person?
 - when I committed my life to him
 - when I fully understood what he did for me
 - when I felt his healing or forgiveness during a difficult time
 - when I discovered acceptance in a church
 - I’m not sure how to answer that.
7. How can this group pray for you?

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