

**MESSAGE BASED SMALL GROUP HOMEWORK**

**GETTING TO KNOW ME:**

Listen to the song "Roll away your stone" while reading the lyrics. (attached)  
What line or portion of lyrics most stand out to you or resonate with you? Why?

**DIG DEEPER:**

1 - This week's message centered around the story of a woman caught in adultery by the religious leaders (John 8:1-11). **Re-read this story.**

There are 3 main characters in this story: Jesus, the woman & the crowd

2 - Now – **Read the story of the Lost Son** (Luke 15:11-31)

There are also 3 main characters in this story. **Who are they?**

a. What similarities do you see between the 2 stories (lost son & woman caught in adultery)?

b. What are the primary lessons or themes that you see emerging from these stories?

c. What character do YOU most see yourself in & why?

## **APPLICATION**

3 – Read the lyrics below taken from “Roll away your stone”

“It’s not the long walk home  
that will change this heart,  
But the welcome I receive with the restart”

- Mumford & Sons, Roll away your stone

a. What do these lyrics speak to you?

b. What does it take for us to welcome someone back with open arms after we have been hurt by them?

c. Ask God to show you if there is someone you are ready to “throw rocks at” who instead you should be “extending grace” to.

## **JESUS’ MESSAGE FOR ME:**

4 - Was there anything in this message that you think Jesus was trying to speak directly to your heart? What is it? (share whatever God used to speak to you in the message, eg. scripture, quote, lyric, etc.)

a. How do you feel about what Jesus was speaking to your heart?

b. What do you plan to DO differently this week because of what Jesus spoke to you?

## VERSES, QUOTATIONS & KEY POINTS FROM THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE:

### Lyrics to Roll Away Your Stone, by Mumford & Sons

Roll away your stone, I'll roll away mine  
Together we can see what we will find  
Don't leave me alone at this time,  
For I am afraid of what I will discover inside

You told me that I would find a hole,  
Within the fragile substance of my soul  
And I have filled this void with things unreal,  
And all the while my character it steals

Darkness is a harsh term don't you think?  
And yet it dominates the things I seek

It seems that all my bridges have been burned,  
But, you say that's exactly how this grace thing works  
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that will change this heart,  
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Stars hide your fires,  
And these here are my desires  
And I will give them up to you this time around  
And so, I'll be found  
with my steak stuck in this ground  
Marking its territory of this newly impassioned soul  
hide your fires,  
these are my desires  
And I will give them up to you this time around  
ADD:And so, I'll be found  
with my steak stuck in this ground  
Marking its territory of this newly impassioned soul

But you, you've gone too far this time  
You have neither reason nor rhyme  
With which to take this soul that is so rightfully mine

### **Marcus Mumford**

“We’re not a Christian rock band as such...faith is just one thing we’ve gone with. It’s one subject that can’t be ignored and we’ve tried to deal with it.”

## **1. “Roll away your stone, I’ll roll away mine. Together we can see what we will find.”**

John 8:1-11 (NLT)

Jesus returned to the Mount of Olives,<sup>2</sup> but early the next morning he was back again at the Temple. A crowd soon gathered, and he sat down and taught them.<sup>3</sup> As he was speaking, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They put her in front of the crowd.<sup>4</sup> “Teacher,” they said to Jesus, “this woman was caught in the act of adultery.<sup>5</sup> The law of Moses says to stone her. What do you say?”<sup>6</sup> They were trying to trap him into saying something they could use against him, but Jesus stooped down and wrote in the dust with his finger.<sup>7</sup> They kept demanding an answer, so he stood up again and said, “All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”<sup>8</sup> Then he stooped down again and wrote in the dust.<sup>9</sup> 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.<sup>10</sup> Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, “Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?”<sup>11</sup> “No, Lord,” she said. And Jesus said, “Neither do I. Go and sin no more.”

Leviticus 20:10 (NIV)

<sup>10</sup> “If a man commits adultery with another man’s wife—with the wife of his neighbor—both the adulterer and the adulteress are to be put to death.

Zechariah 7:11-12 (NASB)

<sup>11</sup> “...They refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears from hearing.<sup>12</sup> They made their hearts *like flint* so that they could not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by His Spirit through the former prophets; therefore great wrath came from the LORD of hosts.”

John 8:7 (NLT)

<sup>7</sup> ...“All right, but let the one who has never sinned throw the first stone!”

### **John Darby**

“It comforts and quiets the depraved heart of man if he can only find a person worse than himself; he thinks the greater sin of another excuses himself; and while accusing and vehemently blaming another, he forgets his own evil.”

## **2. “I have filled this void with things unreal, and all the while my character it steals.”**

Romans 1:18-22 (NLT)

<sup>18</sup> But God shows his anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.<sup>19</sup> They know the truth about God because he has made it obvious to them.<sup>20</sup> For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. So they have no excuse for not knowing God.<sup>21</sup> Yes,

they knew God, but they wouldn't worship him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of what God was like. As a result, their minds became dark and confused. <sup>22</sup> Claiming to be wise, they instead became utter fools.

### **Lyrics**

Darkness is a harsh term don't you think?  
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John 8:4 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> "...this woman was caught in the act of adultery."

**3. "It's not the long walk home that will change this heart, but the welcome I receive with the restart."**

John 8:10-11 (NLT)

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### **Lyrics**

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### **Erwin W. Lutzer, Pastor of Moody Church**

"When the mask of self-righteousness has been torn from us and we stand stripped of all our accustomed defenses, we are candidates for God's generous grace."