

CRISIS OF FAITH STUDY GUIDE

WEEK 3: HOW COULD GOD LOVE SOMEONE LIKE ME?

Primary Passage: John 4:1-42

Related Passages: Zechariah 3:3-5, Zephaniah 3:17, John 8:1-11, Hebrews 4:16

"In my view, suicide is not really a wish for life to end... It is the only way a powerless person can find to make everybody else look away from his shame. The wish is not to die, but to hide."

- Orson Scott Card

"To be 99% known and to be 1% unknown is to be unknown."

- Matt Chandler

LifeGroup Study Guide:

Read John 4:7-18.

- What are this woman's different sources of shame mentioned in the passage? (Specifically look at verses 9 and 17-18.)
- If she lived in our culture, what might people think about her or say about her behind her back? What do you fear people may be saying about you behind your back?

- Shame can be attached to who we are, what we've done, or things that have been done to us. Which one do you relate to the most?

Read John 4:23-26, Romans 7:24-8:4 and Hebrews 4:16. What is significant about the way Jesus interacts with this woman in the midst of her shame? How does the gospel enable us to worship God in spirit and in truth despite our shame?

- How are you fighting to believe what Jesus has done for you carries more weight than the shame of who you, what you've done and what's been done to you?

Read John 4:39-42. Our story of being rescued from shame and being fully known and loved is a powerful testament that draws others to life in Jesus. How can you use your stories of shame and redemption to minister to others?

Pray for us to have an attitude of confession and repentance of our shame and to run to Jesus, not away from Him.

Pray for us to walk in freedom and to drink from the living waters found in Jesus.