

Personal/Group Training Guide
Week of 2/10/19

AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

“In the Midst”

- (1) Read John 8:1–11. When reading this, what catches your interest the most? What is the purpose of this being included in Scripture?
- (2) There are three characters (or groups of characters) in this passage. Obviously excluding Jesus, what issues do you see present with the others? Is there a particular character(s) that you can most relate to at this point in your life?
- (3) In the English Standard Version (ESV), verse 3 says that the religious leaders brought the adulterous woman and “placed her in the midst.” Do you find any significance in this statement? What thoughts do you have as to why they only brought the woman, not the man that she had been with?
- (4) Describe a time when you truly felt as if you were in the midst of Jesus. How did you react to this? How did it make you feel? Share with the group some things that you do to help increase your awareness of Jesus’ presence.
- (5) Discuss the interaction between Jesus and the woman. How did He bring “heaven to earth” for her?
- (6) Jesus interceded on this lady’s behalf. Discuss the difference between how the religious leaders viewed her versus the way Christ did. Have you ever had an experience when someone interceded for you in a difficult situation? Share that experience.
- (7) Read Ephesians 2:19–20. What does it mean to you that you are a citizen of God’s Kingdom? How might remembering this affect how you view others? How should it impact our willingness to intercede for others?
- (8) Is there someone that might need you to come “into their midst” and be an advocate for them? Share this with the group. Close your time together by praying for one another – that God would guide you in interceding for them.