

John 8:1-11

Trigger warning – please read or post this statement (or similar) at the start of this session. *This session may discuss issues of gender-based violence which could prove difficult for some participants. Everyone should be aware of this and the impact it might have on them.*

1. Opening Act of Worship (3 min)

This could be a prayer, song, dance or poem. It could be said out loud by a participant (or two) or could be shared via video. We encourage groups to pray in more than one language.

2. Contextual Introductions (5 mins each group)

A participant from each group says something about the issue of gender justice in their region. This could relate to women's rights, empowerment, inclusion, equality and / or the issue of gender-based violence.

3. Scripture Reading (5 mins)

Read John 8:1-11, possibly in two languages.

4a. Group Discussion 1 (15 mins)

In breakout rooms, which will probably be monocultural, discuss these questions:

1. What is your response to the introduction by the other group? Did anything upset, annoy, surprise or encourage you?
2. What leaps off the page for you in this passage? Which part do you find surprising or unusual?

It can sometimes help to put the questions in the chat box.

4b. Plenary Dialogue 1 (10 mins)

Gather in plenary to hear from each group. During this time, try to encourage not just feedback from both groups, but actual dialogue between the groups.



Marlen Hernández leads the women and energy project in Belen, Honduras. Credit: Rosamelia Nunez

5. Group Discussion and Plenary Dialogue 2 (25 mins)

The same as for the previous group discussion and plenary dialogue, but with these questions:

3. Describe the relationships in the passage. How do they change as the story progresses? Are they positive or negative transformations?
4. Which behaviours in the passage do you resonate with, and which ones make you uncomfortable?

6. Group Discussion and Plenary Dialogue 3 (20 mins)

As before, but with these questions and only allowing 10 mins for the group discussion:

5. How does this passage relate to the question of gender justice?
6. How should we respond to the issue of gender justice today?

7. Closing Act of Worship (3 min)

Perhaps a liturgical prayer with different parts read out by different participants



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