

## Small Group Questions

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God Never Said That

Message: "It doesn't matter what you do as long as you don't hurt anyone"

This six week series will examine some of the most common statements that sound biblical but are not found in the Bible. These beliefs can misguide us versus God's reliable direction for our lives. Some of the statements have become a part of our culture so that they sound American as well as spiritual. Each week, we will unpack one statement and look at the reality of what God revealed to us about that idea from one central passage.

The hope of this series is to model the value of biblical accuracy and to apply God's truth in various areas of life. It is likely that these statements will provoke a lot of conversation and perhaps even some pushback. The pushback may well be challenges against the ideas we seek to correct. As always, please know that as a group leader, you are not on an island. If you have questions brought to you or situations where you feel you need help, please reach out to the staff.

Thank you once again for your service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. While in school, did you ever get sent to the principal's office? For what reason? If not, what's the closest you ever came to getting sent?
2. Have you ever tried to break a bad habit by willpower alone? What happened?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read John 8:1-11.

3. Is it easier for you to identify with the crowd or the woman in the story?
4. Of the following statements, which are you most likely to believe: "I'm not a bad person," "Nobody's perfect," or "Since I'm already doing it, I might as well keep doing it."
5. Why do you think it's so easy for people to assume that God will judge and condemn them? In what ways has that perception shaped your relationship with God?
6. How difficult is it for you to believe that with Jesus' power, you have the ability to leave your sin behind?
7. What do we learn from Jesus about interacting with a friend who has fallen?
8. When you think of your sin (you don't need to share specifics if you don't want to), what stands in the way of you deciding to leave that sin behind? How can the group help you follow through on that decision?