

WEEK 3

CONVERSATION GUIDE

THE untouchables

THIS SERIES

If you've been following Jesus for some time, you know it's often easy to become numb to just how controversial Jesus' message and ministry actually were while He was on earth. Jesus made enemies of both religious leaders and the government in part because of the way He treated the most "untouchable" members of society. In this series, you'll help students see and explore the significance of the fact that Jesus **ate with the despised, valued the outcasts, restored the sinful, and forgave the unforgivable.**

THIS WEEK

THE BIG IDEA

Jesus restored the sinful.

THE BIBLE

John 8:1-11

- **Talk about a time someone tricked (or tried to trick) you.**
- **Why do you think the religious leaders of His day were so intent on tricking Jesus into saying something compromising?**
- **How would you describe the religious leaders' treatment of the woman in this story?**
- **Be honest. Have you ever found enjoyment in someone else's shame or downfall? Why do you think we do that?**
- **Like the woman in this story, have you ever done something sinful that would bring you shame if it were made public? Why do you think we sin, despite the risks?**
- **Did you identify more with the woman or with the crowd in this story? Why?**
- **Let's make a plan for how we can respond next time we're tempted to condemn someone for their sin. How can we learn to respond with grace instead of judgment?**
- **This week, how do you think God might be calling you to make this story personal?**