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**TITLE** Where Are They?

**SERIES** It's natural to ask Jesus a lot of questions. But what if we flip the script? Let's stop to consider some of the challenging questions Jesus asks us in the Bible.

1. Recall some of the best teachers you've had. Describe what made their lessons memorable.
2. We don't *accidentally* grow or deepen our walk with God. What happens when we haphazardly approach our faith? How does obedience follow forgiveness in order for Christians to live as the Lord intends?
3. In John 8:1-11; Jesus is bending down and taking the position of a servant, then later he is standing and taking His rightful position. What significance do these actions have as we consider the following verses? Mark 10:41-45 and John 13:3-7, 12-17.
4. Read and discuss Romans 3:19-26. Paul says that good works do not make a person justified or right a wrong. Why does Paul say that good works are not enough to redeem a wrongdoing?
5. What is the significance of understanding and accepting our own forgiveness before we can forgive others? How does the statement, "You can't give away what you don't have," apply?
6. Jesus stands with us and we are never alone. Read Romans 8:1, 34, Hebrews 7:25, 1 John 2:1. Jesus is our advocate and he intercedes on our behalf. How does knowing that we always have an advocate help us face our accusers?
7. Pastor David spoke of four "accusers" with the world being one because it encourages tolerance. Do you think the world misuses Jesus's statement in John 8:7 to promote unbridled tolerance? How can we explain to non-Christ followers what Jesus meant by that statement?
8. Because we are free in Christ and our lives demand a more excellent way, what do we need to do to "drop the rocks" in our own lives?