



## StoneCatcher Training

### Active Bystander Training for Bias Related Incidents

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#### Concept

In **John 8: 1-11** Jesus states in regards to a woman accused of committing adultery, **“Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.”**



“There is no such thing as being a Christian and not being a stone catcher. But that is exhausting. You’re not going to catch them all. And it hurts. If it doesn’t make you sad to have to do that, then you don’t understand what it means to be engaged in an act of faith... But if you have the right relationship to it, it is less of a burden, finally, than a blessing. It makes you feel stronger.”

- **Chris Hedges**

*Why Mass Incarceration Defines us as a Society*

#### Implementation

The training was developed and piloted in May 2017. Trainings have since been delivered to many student groups and to Student Life staff.

##### Skill development includes:

- Overview of current events in relation to hate and bias related incidents in our country
- Practical ways to intervene and “catch stones”
- The importance of putting the stone down and not throwing it back
- Case studies to practice and process

##### Additional Takeaways:

All participants are given a stone to decorate to encourage further dialogue.

*“I keep my stone our where other people can see it, and it creates awesome conversations.”*

#### Expansion

StoneCatcher 2.0 has been developed with a more internal focus.

##### Skill development includes:

- Listening to learn
- Engaging in dialogue instead of debate
- Reflection to ensure we are not judging others by our own expectations of them



“He who goes about to reform the world must begin with himself, or he loses his labor.”

- **St. Ignatius of Loyola**

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