

## Judgmental Christians?

Matthew 7:1-16

**Big Idea:** God wants us to \_\_\_\_\_ by the right \_\_\_\_\_

### Context:

-The \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_

-The contrast between \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_

-The \_\_\_\_\_ of judging

-The \_\_\_\_\_ of not judging

### Some "Don'ts" of judging:

1. Don't use a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit
2. Don't use a \_\_\_\_\_ spirit
3. Don't set the \_\_\_\_\_ too \_\_\_\_\_
4. Don't overlook your own \_\_\_\_\_
5. Don't judge through the \_\_\_\_\_ of your own \_\_\_\_\_
6. Don't judge non-Christians by a Christian's \_\_\_\_\_

### Some "Do's" of judging:

1. Be willing to take the \_\_\_\_\_ our of your brother's \_\_\_\_\_
2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ when judging someone else
3. Be \_\_\_\_\_ with who you judge
4. Be ready to judge people in \_\_\_\_\_ (teachers)

### Conclusions & Applications:

### Day One

Read: John 15:1-17

Discuss:

- What does it mean to abide? *When a son disobeys his parents they still love him, but the son is not abiding in their love. So it is with our heavenly Father*
- How do we abide? See verse 10

Pray: *Missionaries*

Learn: Romans 12:1-2

### Day Two

Read: John 15:18-27

Discuss:

- What is the world? *Those who don't know and serve Jesus.*
- If the world persecuted Jesus, they will also...

Pray: *Unsaved*

Learn: Romans 12:1-2

### Day Three

Read: Exodus 12:14-22

Discuss:

- What is the Passover? What did it mean?
- Should we celebrate the Passover? Who is our Passover? How? *See 1 Corinthians 5:7*

Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Learn: Romans 12:1-2

### Day Four

Read: Proverbs 12

Discuss:

- In verse 1, what is a false balance?
- Why is it so bad?
- Can you think of modern examples?

Pray: *Government and military*

Learn: Romans 12:1-2

### Day Five

Read: Romans 12

Discuss:

- What is a living sacrifice?
- Do you know what one of your gifts is?

Pray: *Friends and family*

Learn: Romans 12:1-2

# Follow Up Study Questions

For the week of December 21, 2009

1. Take the time to read Matthew 6-7 in its entirety. How are hypocrites described? In what ways do they go wrong? Try to think of modern examples of the biblical ones.
2. Read Galatians 6:1-5 and James 4:11. How can these two passages be appropriately balanced into a right approach to an erring brother? Think about motives, methods, and goals.
3. How do we know the wolves from the sheep according to Matthew 7:15-23?
4. Someone once said that a hypocrite judges others by what they do and themselves by what they know. In what areas is this true of you?
5. Which of the “do’s” and “don’t’s” of judging from Pastor Mike’s sermon did you most need to hear?