



Home Group D-Guide

Should Christians Pass Judgment?

ICEBREAKER: How many bones have you broken? Share the details.

OVERVIEW: Should Christians pass judgment? How do you handle it when your friend is living in obvious rebellion to God's word? Do you approach them about it, or should you mind your own business? Is it okay to believe that certain behaviors are morally wrong? Is it okay to express those beliefs? How do you handle it when someone responds to your opinion, "Do not judge"?

1. **Read Matthew 7:1-6.** What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be the most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain. (Or what was your key takeaway from Sunday's message?)
2. Here are some scriptures that describe the proper way to judge. Look up each one and jot down your observations.
 - 1 Corinthians 5:9-13
 - Galatians 1:6-9
 - 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15
 - 1 John 2:3-6
3. Sometimes we try to help God out by making judgments in areas He doesn't seem to care all that much about — or has granted freedom. Here are some passages that speak to that tendency. Write down the main point of each one.
 - Proverbs 30:5-6
 - Romans 14:1-15:7

4. Prior to listening to this sermon, how would you have responded to the statement, "Christians shouldn't judge"? Would you have agreed or disagreed with that statement? Why?
5. The word *judge* (Greek: krino) means to distinguish between good and evil, right and wrong. It is to decide or determine whether something is right or wrong. Most of the time when Christians are accused of judging, they are not determining whether something is right or wrong, but merely agreeing with God's determination on the issue. Is it wrong to agree with God? Explain.
6. In the sermon Andy said that it's impossible to stop judging completely. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
7. In our society it is considered noble to boldly proclaim the evils of racism, but it is considered intolerant and judgmental if you boldly proclaim the evils of abortion or homosexuality. Do you agree with society on this matter? Explain.
8. What is the wrong way to judge? What is the right way to judge?
9. The next time someone criticizes you of being judgmental, how will you respond?

The Last Word: Jesus wasn't condemning all judging; He wants us to judge in a godly way. It's never wrong to agree with God. The next time you are accused of being judgmental ask yourself, "Am I judging according to the law and love of God."