



## Quit Judging Me

### MAIN THING

Whenever you have one finger pointing at others, you have four more pointing back at yourself

### SCRIPTURE

Luke 6:37-42, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 28:19-20, Hebrews 4:12, Ephesians 4:15

### ICEBREAKER

My biggest unpopular opinion is . . . .

### OPENING THOUGHT

The most popular thing Jesus ever said (at least, our culture's favorite words of Jesus) is "Do not judge." Jesus had no time for hypocrisy or self-righteousness and He called it out many times. Jesus emphasized getting our own house in order first before we say or do anything else. That's a good policy to have.

However, it is possible to take Jesus' words of "Do not judge" out of context and use it as an excuse for sin. Jesus never used "do not judge" to mean "do not speak truth." Our culture has changed "do not judge" into "do not discern" which was never Jesus' intention. If you read Scripture, Jesus wants both the "speck" AND the "plank" to be gone.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was the one thing that you heard this past Sunday that stuck out to you? Why did it resonate with you like it did?
2. What is the difference between judging and discerning? How can we as Christians discern without judging?

### LIFE APPLICATION

In the movie "The Purge" it shows what happens when law and order are removed for twelve hours. It is mass chaos. When right and wrong are dismissed, things don't get better. Therefore, for us to live in peace and prosperity, we must be able to discern truth from falsehood, right from wrong, good and evil. Otherwise, we wind up in a "Lord of the Flies" scenario with total societal breakdown, as we are seeing in many cities right now.

We are not called to judge, but we are called to discern. And discernment starts in our own hearts, then in our families, and then in our church.

### CHALLENGE

What are some things that you need to start speaking up about- things that previously you were quiet about because you didn't want to appear judgmental- but are clearly not according to God's will?