

TRUTH & LIES ABOUT FREE GRACE



SCAN HERE FOR
THIS WEEK'S
DEVOTIONAL

- Judge Not -

Ice-Breaker:

- Pastor Bryan made a distinction between the Greek word for judging in this passage (*'krino'*) which means *'to sentence, pass a verdict, or condemn,'* and other words for judging which simply mean *'to evaluate or discern.'* The first type of judging comes from a spirit of self-righteousness and should be avoided. The latter type of judging is required to make sound decisions in life. Share a practical example of each form of judging, and how a person might cross the line if they're not careful.

Discussion:

1. Read Romans 2:1-4

- What are the implications of judging others according to this passage?

2. Look up and discuss the following passages where the Bible says it's wrong to judge others:

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| 1. Matthew 7:1-5 | When it blinds you to your own faults. |
| 2. John 7:24 | When you draw conclusions based on outward appearance. |
| 3. Colossians 2:16 | When you judge a person's spirituality based on external observances. |
| 4. James 4:11-12 | When it causes you to speak evil against, or slander, another believer. |
| 5. I Corinthians 4:5 | When you question people's motives. |

3. Read I Corinthians 4:3-5

- Does it bother you when other people judge you? Why or why not?
- Why do you think Paul was not concerned with the judgments of others?
- Why do you think Paul said he didn't even judge himself?
- According to this passage, what is needed to judge properly?

4. Read Acts 10:34; Romans 2:11; Galatians 2:6; Ephesians 6:9

- Explain how showing favoritism would be a violation of God's perfect character/attributes.
- How might this concept of not showing favoritism tie into the law of sowing and reaping? (If needed, look up the law of sowing and reaping in Galatians 6:7-10)

Personal Application:

- Each morning this week, pray that God will reveal to you any instance when you are judging another person in a self-righteous way.