



1. Read John 7:14-24. How do we know these people viewed Jesus from a negative perspective? Consider v. 19 and v. 23.

a. Explain how unchecked sin in **my heart** (envy, bitterness, hatred etc...) toward another quickly results in misinterpreting who they are and what they're doing from a negative perspective.

b. What does Jesus imply about these people in v. 24?

c. Read v. 20 and explain what's alarming about where negative perspectives lead us regarding other people.

2. What does it mean to make negative assumptions about others (1 Timothy 6:4 "...evil suspicions")?

a. How is **racism** related to making negative assumptions?

b. Give an example of what tempts you to make negative assumptions about others.

3. Read Galatians 5:14 and Matthew 7:12 and explain why tuning into LOVE leads me to assume **the best** of others.



4. From the sermon explain why the following questions help me assume the best of others:

a. Where is my heart?

b. Am I lacking information?

c. Am I judging their motives?

d. Should I invite help?

e. Should I talk with them?

5. What question above stands out most as the one you need to ask yourself? Why?

6. Why does a grace-mindset (read Ephesians 2:5) lead me to assume the best while a law-mindset leads me to assume the worst?

7. What are you taking away from this teaching?



Our Mission: To lead many out of separation from God and into a life-transforming, joy-filled relationship with Him.