

James: Faith in Action
Judging Others
James 4:11-12

TALK IT OVER

Passages

"11 Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. 12 There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor." – James 4:11-12 (ESV)

Start Talking: Find an announcement or mission for your group. (15 Min)

- April 6-7: Attend Holy Week Services as a Life Group
- What's one thing from last weekend's sermon that you hope we talk about as a group?

Head: Start Thinking about the Text. Ask a question to get your group thinking. (10 Min)

- The sermon text was James 4:11-12 and can be found on the left-hand side. To keep the study fresh please read Romans 14:1-4 in your Bible for your life group's main text.
- The context for this text is referring to dietary laws that Jewish converts to Christianity were still following even after Jesus made all things clean, so then why do you think that someone who eats everything should not judge someone who does not?
- Why would this or other disputable matters not be worth fighting over?

Heart: Start Sharing how the Text is shaping our beliefs. Choose a question to create openness. (10 Min)

- What are issues you struggle with being judgmental over?
- What situations should you make a judgement on?
- When have you been tempted to judge others according to standards not commanded of Christians?

Hands: Start living the Text. Commit to believing or obeying the text this week. (10 Min)

- Practice looking at your own life before you start judging someone else. You might see that you are no different than they are.
- Pray that you might see people like God sees them, Redeem by Jesus.

Start Praying. Be bold and pray with power. (15 Min)

- For suggestions on structuring prayer time, see the *Group Prayer Ideas* page in this packet.

Trios: Split into same-gender groups of three. Pick a question. (15 Min)

1. Who is one non-believer or someone without a church home that you need to reach out to this week?
2. What kind of conversations are you having with people you are reaching out to?
3. Is there anything God is leading you to repent of?
4. What's a passage of scripture that has impacted you this week? Read it to the group and explain why.
5. What's something you'd like someone else to check in with you about this week?
6. Pray for one another.