



THE GENIUS OF JESUS

GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE



THE GENIUS OF JESUS: Part 9
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HANG OUT (warming up to the topic)

1. Take time to review this week's teaching and discuss your reactions. Talk about what most challenged, puzzled, and encouraged you.
2. Talk about a time when your first impression of a person was wrong. How did what you learned about the person change your relationship with him or her?

HEAR (listening to God through Scripture)

3. Read Matthew 7:1-5.

Leaders Notes: Remember the Greek word for judge is *krino*. There are three uses of the word *krino* found in the New Testament.

- a. Making decisions, wise discernment to decide something
- b. Courts, laws, justice
- c. Something God does that exposes the motives of the heart
 - i. What verse or idea stands out to you and why?
 - ii. What is one group of people you tend to judge? Why is it so tempting for you to judge them?
 - iii. When you size others up, do you tend to write them off (condemn them) or walk away (avoid their problems)? Why?
 - iv. Have you been sized up recently but refused to listen and instead wrote the person off as being judgmental?

HUDDLE (making it personal and praying together)

4. How can we as a small group (people who are followers of Jesus and committed to sharing life) hold each other to the shared commitment of letting God be the judge and moving our focus towards loving people?
5. Do we have permission from each other to mind each other's business when it needs minding? (*Remember biblical love is defined as: a rugged commitment to be WITH and FOR each other as we move towards Jesus.*)