



UNQUESTIONED ANSWERS PT 3: IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO JUDGE

After Jesus' death and resurrection, his followers couldn't re-embrace a temple religion. They were left with Jesus' odd assortment of commandments—impossible to imagine before the resurrection but made possible by the resurrection. These commandments would fuel a movement that changed the world. Perhaps the most popular commandment among those who don't follow Jesus is “judge not.” It's the one Christians are most often accused of violating. However, it's also one of the most misunderstood of Jesus' commands.

BIG IDEA: If you're going to judge, then judge like Jesus.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Talk about a time when your first impression of a person was wrong. How did what you later learned about the person change your relationship with him or her?
2. What's the difference between judging a person versus judging a behavior?
3. When have you felt judged? How did that experience make you feel? How did you respond?
4. Have you ever shied away from a confrontation by saying, “It's not my place to judge? What was the confrontation?
5. With your Bible or YouVersion, read Matthew 7:1-6 and John 8:31-59. What do these verses teach us about judging?
6. What tactic would you like to try in your next challenging interaction?
7. With your Bible or YouVersion, read 2 Timothy 2:23-26 John 14:1-7. What do these verses teach us about truth in relation to tough conversations?
8. Are Christians called to judge others? If so, how can we do this lovingly? Have you been sized up recently but refused to listen and instead wrote the person off as being judgmental? If so, what is one thing you can do this week to listen to the feedback you've received and begin to make changes?
9. Who is one person you need to stop writing off or walking away from? What is one thing you can do this week to put aside judgment and love that person? How can this group help and support you?

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Answers