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PART 5: JUDGE NOT

Introduction

Take off your robe, Judge Judy. Jesus said not to judge. He said it pretty seriously too. But later, Paul said that we should judge some people but not others. Hmm, it's so confusing. You may already be judging Paul for diverging from Jesus' teaching, but wait, if you're judging then so are you. This whole judging conversation is complicated. Let's dig in.

Discussion Questions

1. Who or what do you find yourself judging the most? Would you describe yourself as a harsh or lenient judge?
2. What are some of the ways you feel judged?
3. Read Matthew 7:1-5. How does Jesus feel about judging? Why is it so much easier to see other people's shortcomings than it is to our own? Do you judge yourself differently than you judge others? In what way?
4. Read I Corinthians 5. I mean, "woah," and we think the church sometimes has problems today! Who is Paul writing to in this letter? How is he differentiating those "inside" from those "outside?" Why does it matter that we treat the two groups differently?
5. In the same way Jesus warned us against judging others more harshly than we judge ourselves, how is Paul warning us about judging people who do not follow Jesus differently than we should judge those who do claim to follow Jesus?
6. What do you think about when you hear the word accountability? What kind of accountability do you have in your life? What can you do this week to intentionally increase the accountability in your life and also add accountability to someone else's life in a way that honors God instead of bringing shame to God?

