



# GUIDED BIBLE STUDY

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## Judge Not, That Ye Be Not Judged

**Speaker: John Condon**

**Message Title: "Stop the Division – Be One in Christ"**

**Scripture Focus: 1 Corinthians 4:1–5, John 3:16, and various unity verses**

### Key Scripture Themes

- **Servants of Christ, Stewards of the Mystery**

**"Let a man so consider us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." – 1 Corinthians 4:1**

- **Faithfulness, Not Judgment**

**"It is required in stewards that one be found faithful... He who judges me is the Lord." – 1 Corinthians 4:2, 4**

- **Unity in Christ**

**Paul consistently calls for believers to be of "one mind in Christ" (Philippians 2:2, Romans 15:5–6, 1 Corinthians 1:10)**

- **The Power of John 3:16**

**"For God so loved the world..." – the core truth that unites all believers.**

### Discussion Questions

1. **Why do you think there are so many Christian denominations, and how does this affect unity?**

- 2. What does Paul mean by saying he doesn't even judge himself—but only God can judge?**
- 3. Have you ever experienced judgment from other believers? How did it impact you?**
- 4. How can Christians balance differences in belief while still living as “one mind in Christ”?**
- 5. What would it look like to prioritize love and shared belief in Jesus above denominational doctrines?**

## **Key Takeaways**

- **Division in the Church is not new—it was happening even in Paul's day.**
- **We are not called to judge each other, but to be faithful stewards and united in Christ.**
- **There is room for differences in interpretation, but there must be unity in core belief: Jesus Christ is Lord.**
- **Real Christian community looks like serving one another in love, not arguing about theology.**
- **Judging others puts us in God's seat. Paul reminds us: “Judge nothing before the appointed time.”**

## **Activity Ideas**

### **1. “Unity Circle” Exercise**

**Have everyone share what denomination (if any) they grew up in, and then affirm one shared truth they believe about Jesus. Watch how unity forms around the essentials.**

### **2. Cross-Denominational Scripture Challenge**

**Split into groups and read Bible passages about unity (e.g., Romans 15:5–7, Ephesians 4:1–6, John 17:20–23). Reflect on how Jesus envisioned His Church.**

### **3. “No Judgment Day”**

**Challenge your group to go an entire day without passing judgment—verbally or internally. At the next session, reflect on how difficult (or freeing) it was.**



## **Closing Prayer Prompt**

**Lord, forgive us for the times we've divided where You called us to unite. Help us remember that we are one Body, with many parts, and You are the Head. Let love be greater than disagreement. Teach us to trust You with each other's journeys. In Jesus' name, Amen.**