

ZIP IT
Judging • May1/2, 2010

ICEBREAKER:

Take some time to get to know each other with some open sharing:

- Describe a time when your mouth got you into trouble.

INTRODUCTION:

Describe a time when you've been the target of judging. How did it make you feel? How did you react?

When have you recently judged someone for their clothes, looks, actions, or choices? How did it work for you?

How do you respond when you see someone in the wrong, but you don't want to interfere or come across as judgmental?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. What does it mean to judge someone?
2. Why are we tempted to judge others? Where does this tendency come from?
3. Read Matthew 7:1-2. When we judge others it will come back to us in the same way and with the same weight. How do you want to be judged by others and by God? (Golden Rule of Judging) How should this impact how you judge others?

4. Read Matthew 7:3-4. Why is it that we can clearly see what is wrong with someone else, but it is so hard for us to see our own faults?

5. What is hypocrisy? How does it relate to judging others?

6. Read Matthew 7:5. When you are tempted to judge someone else, you need to stop and look at the same issue in your life. As you think about where you are tempted to judge people, what issue in your life could God be calling you to address?

7. Once you have dealt with your issues, and the time comes to confront someone lovingly, list out some suggestions as to how you should do this...

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

If someone has judged you lately, what did you learn about yourself from them, or did you just ignore them?

What steps are you taking to deal with that issue or fault in your personal life?

When you come to terms with the sin or issues in your life it makes you a perfect candidate to address the sin in someone else's life. How can you put this into practice this week?

THINK ABOUT IT (Something to chew on or memorize)

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Matthew 7:1-2 (TNIV)