



Rock Point Church
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BIG IDEA | God judges the world. We judge the church.

Judge – To hold to an objective standard.

Matthew 7:1-5 (NLT)

¹ "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. ² For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

³ "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? ⁴ How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? ⁵ Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

Never judge superficially.

John 7:24 (NIV)

²⁴ "Stop judging by mere appearances, but instead judge correctly."

Never judge hypocritically.

Romans 2:1-4 (NLT)

¹ You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.² And we know that God, in his justice, will punish anyone who does such things. ³ Since you judge others for doing these things, why do you think you can avoid God's judgment when you do the same things? ⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin?

The place we often issue our harshest judgment reveals our greatest weakness.

Never hold non-Christians to Christian standards.

1 Corinthians 5:12 (NLT)

¹² It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning.

Always help restore fallen believers.

Galatians 6:1-3 (NLT)

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. ² Share each other's burdens, and in this way

obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

GROUPS QUESTIONS:

- 1) In what ways do you feel you are delivering harsh judgement?**
- 2. What are some ways you can identify a weakness? Ask someone close in your life whom you trust to help walk you through what this may be if you are unsure.**
- 3. Who is someone you are holding to a Christian “family” standard? How can you offer a genuine position that Christians are for people, not against them?**
- 4. How can you offer a community to the world that shows a nonjudgement posture?**
- 5) What are your thoughts on this topic: As Christians, is it our job to judge the church?**