

# LIVING IN CHRIST | WEEK #06

YOU'RE SO JUDGY | APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>



CONSEQUENTLY, YOU TOO MUST THINK OF YOURSELVES AS BEING DEAD TO SIN AND LIVING FOR GOD IN CHRIST JESUS. ROMANS 6:11

## WHAT'S THE ISSUE ANYWAY?

We judge people when they don't meet our \_\_\_\_\_.

Judgment sows the seed of \_\_\_\_\_ in a field of \_\_\_\_\_.

Othering grows into a seedling of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

Self-righteousness blooms into \_\_\_\_\_ our exclusion, hatred, and violence.

## WHAT WISDOM DOES MATTHEW 7:1-5 OFFER US?

Judging is subject to the law of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Judging is an act of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

With a clear eye, judging becomes \_\_\_\_\_.

## DON'T MISS THIS!

Living in Christ means crucifying our judging \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT ABOUT MY EVERYDAY, PEACEMAKING LIFE?

Judge your actions against the law of \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 22:36-40)

What does Christ-like love \_\_\_\_\_ of me?

Sow ten seeds of humility every day through the practice of \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_.

## HOW CAN THIS MAKE ME A BETTER HUMAN AND OUR WORLD A BETTER PLACE?

When we crucify our judging eyes, God will resurrect \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

## WHAT IS GOD INVITING YOU INTO TODAY?

1. Explore whether Crossroads is a place where healing from past judgments by religious people can take place.
2. Try the Ten Seeds of Humility Daily Examen for the next 30 days.

"MERCY IS JUST WHEN IT IS ROOTED IN HOPEFULNESS AND FREELY GIVEN. MERCY IS MOST EMPOWERING, LIBERATING, AND TRANSFORMATIVE WHEN IT IS DIRECTED AT THE UNDESERVING. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVEN'T EARNED IT, WHO HAVEN'T EVEN SOUGHT IT, ARE THE MOST MEANINGFUL RECIPIENTS OF OUR COMPASSION."

-BRYAN STEVENSON, JUST MERCY: A STORY OF JUSTICE AND MERCY

## THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS OR PERSONAL REFLECTION

1. When have you experienced judgment from others? How did it make you feel? How did you respond to the person or system judging you?
2. If Jesus clearly says to stop judging, why do you think Christian communities are perceived as judgmental?
3. Where or with whom do you struggle with not judging? Why is it difficult to withhold judgment in that particular area?
4. In your opinion, what are some of the "logs" in the eyes of Western Christianity today that prevent gentleness, mercy and grace? others in your life? How did that affect your perception of yourself and those offering the mercy and grace? When was the last time you offered yourself mercy and grace?

