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Religion vs Spirituality
Honorable In Judgement
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Matthew 7

Look In the mirror.

Psalm 139:23-24 Psalm 25:9 Psalm 26:2

Get some Divine help.

Lev 19:18

Show the way to Jesus.

2 Cor 2:15

Bear honoring Fruit

Matt 25:41-46 1 Peter 2:12

If you were forced to live in one of the remote areas below for three months with only what is necessary to survive and no communication with the outside world, which location would you choose and why?

- * Sahara Desert
- * South American Rain Forest
- * Antarctica
- * Himalayan Mountains
- * Sailboat in the middle of the ocean
- * Outer Space

Notice how not all the answers were the same. People are different. Not every person thinks, responds, or acts like you. How can that make life difficult?

The Old Testament contains a book called “Judges”. We watch judges on TV. In our system of government, it’s necessary to enlist judges. Judges are very important for helping decide very important events in life.

Why do you think Jesus says “Do not judge or you too will be judged”?

Consider 1 Cor 5:9 - 6:5.

What is Paul’s perspective on judging?

How is this different or the same as the perspective of Jesus?

Read Psalm 26:2 then Psalm 139:24

What does it take to see, "the plank in your own eye?"

Why do you think we fail so often in this part of our spiritual growth? Why is it so difficult to judge ourselves first?

How does self-reflection differ from self-derision ? (contemptuous ridicule)

Can we accurately see our own faults? Why or why not?

Read Prov 27:17. How does this verse help us in judging?

Read Psalm 25:9

The way of the Lord, the way of honor, combines humility and wisdom in this verse.

Why do you think humility play such a big part in judgement?

Read James 5:19-20 and Galatians 6:1-2

What do these verses imply about judging?

If we were to all accept the cultural view “ Judge not” , “don’t judge me, man”, what problems would that create?

Pastor Rick talked about honoring others through judgement.

How do we actually put that into practice?

In what ways can we be true to 2 Timothy 3:16-17 without being judgmental?

This week, consider how you might spur someone on to deeper spirituality, more biblical living, and a closer walk with Jesus.