

Sermon Series: "Giving Life to Your Story"
"Christianity: A Call to Jury Duty"

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When We SHOULD Divide

Occasions to divide...

- A Different Jesus (**1 John 2:18-23; 2 John 7-11**)
- A Different Gospel (**Galatians 1:6-9; Revelation 1:8-9**)
- An Abuse of Grace (**Matthew 18:15-17; 1 Corinthians 5; Jude 3-7**)
- A Conflict-ridden Character (**Titus 3:10; 3 John 9-11; Jude 16**)

Two kinds of judging...

1. Honest assessment, discernment, and disagreement.
2. God-like prosecution/condemnation over someone's inner self.

To Judge or Not to Judge

Steps to Loving More and Judging Less...

Matthew 7:1-6

1. RETHINK your position (**vv 1-2**)
2. REFLECT on your own condition (**v 3**)
3. REASON/Motivation is caregiving, not ego energizing (**v. 4**)
4. REPENT of your own sin first, including your judgmentalism (**v. 5**)
5. RESPOND to their need. (**v.5**)

Conclusion:

John 8:7, 15; 12:47; Matthew 13:28-30; Luke 6:37-38; Romans 2:1-5; James 2:13; 4:11-12; 1 Corinthians 5:12-13; Genesis 1-3; 1 John 4:1