



LIFE CIRCLES

DISCUSSION GUIDE - Feb. 16, 2025

Judge Thus

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SUMMARY

Using the story of Gideon, we explore how God judges people based on their divine identity rather than their human lineage or past experiences. The sermon cites the context of a previous message titled “Cut the tree, burn the books” from Dec. 1, 2024. We also examine the “conflation fallacy” of judgment and works. As followers of Christ, co-killed and co-resurrection in Jesus, we are not to judge according to human sight or appearance; we judge with God’s righteousness (the same thoughts and opinions He has).

ICE BREAKER

What's the first thing that comes to your mind when you hear the word “judgment”?

KEY VERSES

- Judges 6:11-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:1-3
- John 8:15-16
- 1 John 4:17-18

QUESTIONS

- What is conflation fallacy? Can you think of other words that are affected by it? (Works, judgment ...)
- How did Gideon's self-perception differ from God’s perception of him?
- What did judges do in Biblical times?
- Difference between good works and dead works?

SEEDS FOR DISCUSSION

- God is a judge like Deborah, not like Judy, and so are we.
- Other Biblical examples where someone tried to disqualify themselves like Gideon
- “Your disappointments are not indicators of future performance.”
- “The church should be the first fruits of God's judgment.”
- Two fruits of legalism: pride and defeat
- There is no “us” and “them” in the gospel