



## Sermon Notes: Fault Lines

### 1. The Meaning of Judgment.

- a. It is not the exercise of discernment.
- b. It is a hypercritical, fault-finding spirit.

### 2. The Mechanics of Judgment.

- a. Judgment views others through misplaced priorities.
- b. Judgment views others through malformed perspectives.
- c. Judgment views others through manipulated proportions.

### 3. The Mindset of Judgment.

- a. Judgment is the overflow of an unloving, merciless heart.
- b. Judgment is the overflow of a proud, ungrateful heart.
- c. Judgment is the overflow of a hypocritical heart.

### 4. The Magnitude of Judgment.

The judgmental person lives under the judgment of God.

### 5. The Master over Judgment.

- a. The Master fully trains you.
- b. The Master fills you with himself.
- c. The Master forgives you so that you can forgive.



## Application Questions: Fault Lines

1. This past week, how did you do good to someone who's against you?
2. Who or what do *liberals* tend to judge most harshly? Who or what do *conservatives* tend to judge most harshly? Who or what do *evangelicals* tend to judge most harshly?
3. How do you feel when you believe someone has judged you unfairly? How do you feel when someone judges your motives?
4. How do you feel when you're on the other side – when you're the one passing judgment on someone else?
5. Why do you think we automatically assume that ours is the more informed, "right" perspective?
6. Why do you think we think we know the motives of another person? What does judging another's motives reveal about ourselves?
7. Think of how you've judged others recently:
  - What did they do/say that invited your judgment?
  - What in your heart told you that judging him/her for *that* was a good idea?
  - If you were completely honest, how do you do the same thing (that you judged) yourself?
8. What "teachers" have you put yourself under that tell you it's okay to be judgmental? What means do they use to teach you? What would it look like to cut yourself off from their influence?
9. Summarize what the Gospel says about judgment and condemnation. Why should Christians be the most forgiving, grace-giving group on earth?
10. What one thing does God want you to do in response to His Word this week?