Notes for message- James week 9

**James- Faith That Works**

***Who’s to Judge***

**James 4:11-12** Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you-who are you to judge your neighbor? NIV

**Wrong Judgment**

* Slander is a malicious, false, and defamatory statement or report about another person.

**James 4:11**Brothers, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against his brother or judges him speaks against the law and judges it. NIV

**Prov 10:18** He who conceals his hatred has lying lips, and whoever spreads slander is a fool. NIV

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H elpful

Inspiring <- can you get these on the screen together like this?

Necessary

Kind

* In order to look at other people’s faults we must “look past” our own!

**Matt 7:1-5** "Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.” NIV

* Wrong judgment often does not have all the facts and jumps to the wrong conclusions.

**Right Judgment**

* Let God be the judge.

**James 4:12** There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you-who are you to judge your neighbor? NIV

**Rom 14:10-13** You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written: "'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will confess to God.'" So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God. Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. NIV

* Although we should not judge, we should be discerning.

**John 7:24** Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment. NIV

* It is important to maintain a Christ like attitude when exercising discernment.

**John 8:10-11** "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" "No one, sir," she said. "Then neither do I condemn you," Jesus declared. "Go now and leave your life of sin." NIV