



### **Part Four: Judgmental**

One of the most common critiques of Christians is that we are judgmental. Many of us have experienced this to be true, others of us are wondering if there's a way that we can exercise good judgment without being judgmental. Well, there is and we need to discover it!

### **Scripture: James 4:11-12 ESV**

**Bottom Line:** The difference between being judgmental and using good judgment is compassion.

### **Discussion Questions**

1. Do you agree or disagree that Christians in our culture have a problem with being judgmental? Why or why not? If so, what are some of the ways that you've seen this judgmental attitude in your own experience, with people around you or in the media?
2. Have you ever felt like you were being judged (condemned, excluded or put down) by other Christians? How did that experience affect you? Is there a group of people that you find yourself judging? Why do you think you tend to be judgmental of that group?
3. Read Matthew 7:1-5. Why does Jesus warn people not to judge others? Describe the process that Jesus outlines in verses 3-5.
4. How would implementing this process change your perspective of yourself? Other people? God?
5. Do you think that there is a difference between exercising good judgment and being judgmental? What is that difference? Think of specific situations that you might encounter where you might be tempted to judge others. How would taking a non-judgmental approach change how you interact with others?

### **Moving Forward**

What is one thing you can do to replace your judgmental attitude towards someone and replace it with compassion?