

# Leaving Judgmentalism Behind

*Exposing and forsaking the self-righteous root of judgmentalism and finding hope and change in Jesus.*

## Sermon Questions

1. Jesus wants us eager to change rather than eager to be affirmed. (Yes/No)
2. The first two \_\_\_\_\_ are prohibitions: judge not; condemn not.
3. Jesus forbids us from judging other people. We only judge ourselves. (Yes/No)
4. God will \_\_\_\_\_ those who judge others for things they themselves are doing.
5. Forgiveness is when the offended person graciously \_\_\_\_\_ the repentant from any moral liability and is reconciled to that person (though not all consequences are removed).
6. Biblically, forgiveness depends on \_\_\_\_\_ although we should never harbor bitterness or resentment against those who sin against us.
7. If a person is generous, then God will repay with material blessing and health. (Yes/No/Maybe)
8. It is costly to forgive and follow Jesus, but it is also \_\_\_\_\_.
9. In the parable of the log and speck, Jesus warns that our biggest problem is our own sin. (Yes/No)
10. What should we do when we experience conviction for sin?  
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11. When we've seen and rejoice in the mercy we've received, we'll generously show \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Consider again these questions from the sermon: "Are you guilty of this sin Jesus warns against? Are you easily annoyed with others? Are you a person with lots of pet-peeves? Are you angered about other people's sin and how it affects you? When your sin is exposed, does your internal lawyer work overtime to vindicate you and that same lawyer is quick to condemn others? Do you hate the sin of others more than your own sin? Do you justify your actions by thinking about those who are worse than you? Do you have no patience for people who make mistakes? Would people see you as a gracious and merciful person or hard and unbending? Are you critical or harsh with biting words? Do you use humor, sarcasm, or innuendo to tear down?"

2. How would you counsel someone who is convicted by the questions above? How does the forgiveness, mercy, and grace of Jesus both comfort us and drive us to change?

3. How do we avoid the idea that we earn our salvation through our works (e.g., of forgiveness and generosity), and avoid the idea that faith in Christ doesn't change our heart or behavior?

4. What do you need to do today and this week to show forgiveness and generosity out of the abundance of mercy and grace given to you by the Lord Jesus Christ?