

HALF TRUTHS

We Have No Right to Judge

WARM UP

What human trait do you find off-putting?

SET IT UP

A half-truth can be dangerous because it has enough truth to make it sound believable and enough error to mess up your life if you really buy into it. One of the biggest myths floating around out there is, "We have no right to judge." It sounds a lot like something Jesus said... but what did He really mean?

CHAT IT UP

1. **Read the famous passage about judging in Matthew 7:1-6. What was Jesus condemning?** (Answer: Unloving, hypocritical attitudes of superiority.)
2. **What picture did Jesus use to illustrate the point? What does this teach us?** (Answer: We learn that we can overlook our big flaws while exaggerating the small mistakes of others.)
3. **What is the difference between exercising *judgment* and being *judgmental*?** (Judgment - to discern what is right or best. Judgmental - to look down on, or condemn those we think are wrong.)
4. **Share about a time when you made a good judgment call.**
5. **Have you ever tried to save someone else some pain? What did you learn from the experience?**
6. **Have you ever avoided talking to someone about a problem? Why? Would you do the same thing the next time?**
7. **Has someone ever corrected you? How did it go? How would you like someone to do it in the future?**

WRAP IT UP

We must be discerning as we make our way through life. But we have to be at least as willing to see our faults as those of others. Love makes us speak up. Humility makes us kind. Use good judgment but don't be judgmental.

LEADER TIPS

- Our discussions are designed to apply the Bible to life. Spend as much time as you need unpacking the passage and then explore how your group members can act on the words of Jesus.