

GOD NEVER SAID THAT

WEEK 2
YOU CAN'T JUDGE ME,
ONLY GOD CAN JUDGE ME
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There's no need for correction, let me do what I want.

“Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.” *Matthew 7:1-2*

Condemning Judgment: To rule over others because we believe we are better.

“Look beneath the surface so you can judge **correctly**.” *John 7:24*

Discerning Judgment: To know right and wrong and choose rightly.

Tolerance is above all else.

(Old) All people have equal value.

(New) All behavior and ideas have equal value.

All sin is the same.

All unforgiven sin is the same.

Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. *Galatians 6:7*

Luke 20:47

John 19:11

People are hypocrites.

If we claim we have **no sin**, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. *1 John 1:8*

How do we **give** and **receive** judgment in the right way?

1. Be humble.

“And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First **get rid** of the log in your **own** eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. *Matthew 7:3-5*

2. Love the person.

“Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.” *John 13:35*

3. What does scripture say?

One Year New Testament Devotionals

Small group discussion questions related to the weekend message will resume in September 2018 during our next 10-week group semester. Small group registration opens August 12. Use these One Year New Testament questions to discuss with your small group or answer individually.

Devotionals

What is faith? Hebrews 11:1 says, “Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.” Faith is not a call to believe in things reluctantly, crossing your fingers, or just blindly hoping for the best. Faith is not merely acknowledging God's existence just as we would a historical figure like Abraham Lincoln. The Christian faith is not passive. The Christian faith is active and personal. Authentic faith is believing confidently in what God says to be true and confiding in the declarations of our Creator. Meditate on this definition of faith as you read through the book of Romans this week and experience how your faith grows!

Sunday, July 15 — Romans 2:25-3:8

What do you think it means to be a Christian? How do you believe God views you when you screw up? What can we do to not abuse the grace we are given? How can you begin to change some inconsistent behaviors in your Christian life this week?

Monday, July 16 — Romans 3:9-31

In today's reading, it shows us that God includes all people in his plan for salvation. Why do some people object to the idea that God has offered forgiveness to every person, even the worst sinners? How do you work to love people and include others that are different than you? What makes it difficult for many of us to believe that we can gain God's forgiveness by faith in Christ alone?

Tuesday, July 17 — Romans 4:1-15

Works are the proof of our faith and love for God, not the way we earn our faith and love from God. You work from your identity as a son/daughter of God, not for it (Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:26). How do we balance doing good things for God, but not find our worth and identity in our works? What causes people to think that works are more important than faith in pleasing God?

Wednesday, July 18 — Romans 4:16-5:5

When you hear the word 'faith' what comes to mind? What is our relationship with God if we have been justified by faith? Think of a situation in which you had to have faith in God? Did that situation bring about more faith and trust in God for future situations?

Thursday, July 19 — Romans 5:6-21

Think of a time when somebody you didn't like, did something nice for you? How did that act of kindness change your relationship with them? How should Christian hope affect a person's attitude towards difficult people? Additional scriptures about loving your enemy can be found in Proverbs 24:17 and 1 Peter 3:9. Who in your life needs to hear that through Jesus they are no longer enemies of God?

Friday, July 20 — Romans 6:1-23

God does not call us to perfection, but he does call us to progress. Why does God give us grace in the first place? Look at verses 15-18 for understanding. To what degree is each person responsible for his or her sinful or righteous living? In what areas of your life do you need God's help to loosen the grip of certain sins?

Saturday, July 21 — Romans 7:1-16

What are the primary differences between the old life under the Law and the new life in the way of the Spirit? (Romans 7:4-6) How have you experienced a struggle with sin similar to what Paul describes? How can you remind yourself each day this week of God's victory over sin?