



1. What do you think of talk shows? Do you watch them? Do you judge the people who appear on them? Why do we judge so much? What makes it such an attractive activity?

2. What is the difference between judging and condemning a person? Does Jesus make a distinction? If so, in what way? What's the relationship between condemnation and self-righteousness?

3. We will all face judgement, so we must be very careful when judging others. What is the effect of the following on the way you judge other people? A. God's unique role as Judge. See James 4.11-12. B. Your own sinfulness. What is a plank and what is a speck? Discuss both.

4. Brothers, if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Discuss if it's actually possible to "restore someone gently." What are the pitfalls in helping someone confront sin in their life? How helpful is the line from the Testament of Judah: "**Before judgement comes, examine yourself**"?

5. It's so easy to judge, and so hard to stop judging. I pray that today, you find courage to love, where before you often judged. What role do love and compassion have in combating judgement in a believer's heart? What have you tried that has helped you judge less and love more?