



IMMANUEL CHURCH

Discussion Guide: The Judgmentals July 2, 2017

Opening Questions:

- In what context (or with what people) do you find yourself thinking “US vs. THEM” most often? Why do you think that’s our instinct when we see differences between us and others? Why do we have an innate desire to win or be right?
- Why is this so dangerous? What difference do you think it would make if Christians were better about loving their enemies and seeing them like Jesus does?

Looking at Scripture:

- Read **Luke 9:51-56...** What do you think it means when Luke says Jesus “resolutely” set out for Jerusalem? Given the events that would take place there, what does that say Jesus’ purpose was set on?
- What people group might be considered the Samaritans for Christians in 2017? Who do we find it the most difficult to love and be for?
- Read **Matthew 7:1-5...** In your mind, what’s the biggest difference between judging and condemning? Is there one? If so, how do we draw that distinction in our interactions with those around us?
- Jesus says the standard by which we condemn others is the one by which we are condemned. Does that cause you to rethink the measuring stick you’ve forced on others? Does it change the expectations you have of them?
- Are we able to see people like Jesus does? Or does something get in the way? How might our own sin prevent us from rightly seeing and loving people?

Application Questions:

- This week’s bottom line was **THINK US FOR THEM NOT US VERSUS THEM**. What does us thinking *for* them mean to you? What might have to change in your relationships with unchurched people for them to get a sense that you are for them?
- If our battle isn’t against flesh and blood, who does that mean your every day battle is *not* against? Name them. Conversely, who does it mean your battle *is* against every day. Name him.
- What do you hope Jesus will say to you when you meet him face-to-face? If you met him *today*, what are you afraid he might say? How do you plan to change that over the next seven days?

End your time together praying for THEM. Have the group create a list of people that are far from God, unchurched and seemingly against US. Pray God would bless them and help them grow. Ask him to draw them in to a relationship with him. Ask him to reveal the log in your own eye before you point out the specks in everyone else’s eyes.