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John 7:24 (ESV)

24 Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment."

1 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV)

5 Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.

Romans 14:2–4 (ESV)

2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

Titus 1:10–13 (ESV)

10 For there are many who are insubordinate, empty talkers and deceivers, especially those of the circumcision party. 11 They must be silenced, since they are upsetting whole families by teaching for shameful gain what they ought not to teach. 12 One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, "Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons." 13 This testimony is true. Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith,

Matthew 18:15 (ESV)

15 "If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.

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Open: Why do people feel uncomfortable getting involved in the affairs of others?

Read & Discuss: Matthew 7:1–5 & Romans 14:3

1. What principles would you draw from these two passages with regard to not judging others?
2. What are some specific examples of areas where we ought not to judge others? How would this conversation be different when talking with those who profess to be followers of Jesus and when talking with those who are not? What other factors might affect the way we engage others in areas of sin and conscience?
3. What is involved in removing “the log from your own eye?” In verse 5 Jesus speaks about seeing clearly so we might address the speck in our brother’s (or sister’s) eye. How do we know when we are ready to move forward in helping others address their sin?
4. What are similar issues today to which the principle of Romans 14:3 can be applied? What are helpful questions to help us determine if our convictions are universally true or merely appropriate to our situation?

Apply: What lessons have you learned about the potential pitfalls of judging others?

Read & Discuss: Titus 1:10-13 & Matthew 18:15

5. Based on these two passage, how would you characterize what rises to the level of judging others?
6. What in the Titus passage helps us know whether he is talking about believers or unbelievers? What are they supposed to be held accountable to, according to verses 10 and 11?
7. According to Titus1:13, the aim of our accountability is that “they may be sound in the faith.” How should this goal shape our accountability endeavors and methods?
8. In Matthew 18 Jesus is clearly speaking of context between believers by using the term “brothers.” How would you describe the purpose of this attempt at accountability? Why is this purpose important in Christ’s Church?
9. How would you summarize the tension between the biblical teachings that we are both to judge others and not to judge others?

Apply: What have you found to be helpful in encouraging others toward needed repentance?

Pray: Pray for abundant wisdom and grace to practice healthy God-honoring accountability within our group as well as the other Christian communities to which we belong.

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