



Judgmental  
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1. When I am quick to find fault, I am \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Perceptions can change when we ask...

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(Romans 2:1-4)

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(1 Corinthians 5:12-13)

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(Matthew 2:13-16)

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(Colossians 2:4-6)

## Digging Deeper

1. Respond to the perception among 9 out of 10 young adults outside the church that Christians are judgmental.

2. What is your reaction to 1 Corinthians 5:9-13, especially verse 12?

3. Have you ever heard the statement, "Hate the sin but love the sinner"? Have you ever used that phrase? Is that really possible? How does this approach help or hurt your ability to unconditionally accept outsiders?

4. Read Matthew 2:13-16. What would it look like for you to have the eyes of a doctor among the people in your life?

5. Read Colossians 4:5-6. How can Christian communities learn the proper balance between what it means to be gracious and effective with "outsiders," while being very clear on not accepting sin among church-goers?

### Suggested Reading:

*Unchristian: What a new generation really thinks about Christianity... and why it matters*  
by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons

"Relational Commitments" describes how we relate to one another at South Park Church and can be downloaded at <http://www.southparkchurch.org/mission>