

Sermon Questions: James 4 Judging 4/30/2023

- 1. Do feel that in our current culture, it is acceptable to speak evil, criticize and judge others? Why or why not?
- 2. Ephesians 4:29 says that our speech should only be for the "building up of others" and to "give grace to those who hear." How have you personally been doing with this directive?
- 3. What did you think of the three questions to ask yourself when wondering if you should listen to something about another brother or sister in Christ:
 - -- Is it true?
 - -- Is it good?
 - -- Is it useful?
- 4. Do you think "venting" to someone else to help you process difficulties with another person is acceptable to God? What did you think of this statement: "When my venting stops being an invitation to help me process an issue and starts becoming a recruitment to take my side against another person, it has now become gossip"?
- 5. A slide was presented on screen with well-known ministers such as: TD Jakes, Joel Osteen, Benny Hinn, Joyce Meyer, Beth Moore, Bill Johnson, Joyce Meyer, and Joseph Prince. If you have a negative association with any of these, how did you arrive at that?
- 6. What did you think of the comparisons of discernment vs judgment

Discernment Is thoughtful and cautious Fights against spiritual darkness Assesses actions and beliefs Is humble and can be wrong Judgment Draws quick conclusions Fights against people Assesses someone's worth Is proud and is always right

7. Do you find it more natural to judge someone or to give them the benefit of the doubt and imagine a story that begins to explain why they are the way they are?