

THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE



Friends

How to Lose Friends and Alienate People

Icebreaker: Tell your group how you met your best friend.

Read Together: Job 2:11 (ESV), Job 2:11 (ESV), Job 2:12 (ESV), Job 2:13 (ESV)

The Reasoning Sessions

Discuss:

- We assume we know the TRUTH (Motive) Tell your group about a time that you assumed you knew the truth about someone.
- Tell each other what you think about the saying, “God does everything for a reason.” Does God do everything for a Reason?
- Why does God tell us to pray?
- Pastor Mark challenged us with statements about how people make judgments to assuage their own discomfort. What is an example of a time that you judged someone because you needed to feel better?
- Do you believe that suffering is always a punishment for wrongdoing? Why or why not?

Greek Lesson!

Four Greek Words for Judging

Anakrino - *To Investigate*

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 2:15 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What information do you need to make a good assessment of a situation? An investigation is good to find the whole story.

Diakrino - *To Carefully evaluate*

Read Together: 1 Corinthians 6:5-6 (ESV)

Discuss:

- When you know the facts, you can evaluate a situation more accurately. What are some ways you can get facts to determine the full picture?

Dokimazo - *To Examine or Test*

Read Together: Romans 14:22, 1 Corinthians 11:28 (NIV)

Discuss:

- We try clothes on to see if they fit. What are some ways you can judge in a positive way?

Krino - *To judge a person to be guilty and liable for punishment*

Read Together: Luke 6:37 (ESV)

Discuss:

- What are some ways you have seen judgment laid on someone?
- Why do you think Jesus warns us not to enact this type of judgment?
- Jesus is challenging us to live a different way: Your judgment should be for the restoration of people, not to condemn them.
- How can you walk around setting people free?

An Antidote to the Judgmental Attitude - *Ask the question!*

Read Together: Proverbs 20:5, 1 Corinthians 5:9-13 (ESV)

Discuss:

- Ask a question! What questions can you ask to help you understand the people around you?
- What is the percentage of time that you can know something without asking?

Prayer: Father, we want to be people who restore others rather than condemn them! Please show us how to love those around us and how to evaluate rather than condemn. Help us to ask the right questions and give others the opportunity to be restored. In the name of Jesus, Amen.