

THE FUNDAMENTAL LIST

RECOVERING THE ESSENTIALS OF OUR FAITH

PART 4: JUDGE NOT

So far, we've discussed three fundamentals:

1. Jesus is God's Son and our King.
2. Jesus came to illustrate and demonstrate what God is like.
3. Jesus defined sin as anything that harms you or others.

This week Joel Thomas talks about our fourth fundamental: Jesus will bring justice in the end, and we can trust him in the meantime.

CONNECT

Have you ever asked the question, "Why doesn't God do something about _____?" What typically goes in the blank for you?

LEARN

You will watch a shortened version of a message from this series to set up your group discussion. Watch the full message sometime this week as a reminder of what was talked about today.

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. **Read John 5:22.** Jesus is the only one who has been entrusted to judge. What makes it so difficult for us to withhold judgment in the moment?
2. Joel shared how he was betrayed by a close, trusted friend and how he initially wanted to respond.
 - a. Have you ever experienced a scenario like the one Joel described at the end of the video? How did you respond?
 - a. **Read 1 Peter 2:22–23.** These verses describe Jesus's response to those who crucified him. What does it look like to "entrust ourselves to the one who judges justly"? What changes when we surrender judgment to God?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 5:10.** In the video, Joel said, "No one will get away with anything. Everyone will give an account." Is this comforting that other people have to give an account? How does the fact that *you* will give an account impact the way you respond to others?



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BEFORE NEXT TIME

This week, take some time to list areas in your life where you want justice now. Pray and ask God to help you release those situations to him and focus on his character and his faithfulness.

PRAY

Take some time to pray as a group and thank God that he knows all the details of every situation, that he is faithful and just, and he will make things right in the end. Ask him to help increase your trust with him in the meantime.

Fundamental #4: Jesus promised justice in the end and invites us to trust him in the meantime.

