



Discussion Guide for “The Judge”

Winds of Change Week 3

We like rules because they make things black and white. But real life is full-color, and knowing what’s right can feel nearly impossible sometimes. Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as our judge, the one who reveals both sin and righteousness to the world. What does that look like?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[John 16:7-9](#)

[John 20:19-22](#)

[Exodus 19:16-20:21](#)

[Ezekiel 36:25-27](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week’s sacred reading is [John 3:16-21](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Can you think of a time you weren’t sure what the right thing to do was? Why were the ‘rules’ not helpful in that situation?
2. What matters more to God: the rules God gave people or the people to whom God gave the rules? How do you know?
3. Review Exodus 19 and Ezekiel 36. How do these illustrate God inviting God’s people to grow in our understanding of God?
4. When Jesus describes the Holy Spirit as the one who ‘convicts’, what did he mean by that? How does the Holy Spirit convict the world of sin *and* righteousness?
5. What does spending time with the Spirit look like for you this week?