

WELLSPRING

WORSHIP CENTER

"Mercy over Judgment" Reflection Questions 2/15/2026

1. We are told to love our enemies in Luke 6:27. How does Jesus model mercy toward His enemies? How is mercy sometimes costly?
2. Regarding 2 Samuel 11:1 when David not going out to battle, discuss this statement, "When you avoid the battle you were called for, you will face a battle you are not equipped for."
3. In 2 Samuel 12:5-6, when King David judged the rich man in the story harshly, he did not realize he was judging himself. Comment on this statement: "Be careful when you pronounce judgment, you may not yet see yourself in the story."
4. Have you ever found that your own self-righteous judgment has boomeranged back upon you?
5. Discuss how the first Star Wars movie began with Episode 4. How does a person's backstory relate to mercy and judgment? What would change if we assumed we didn't know the full story of someone's life?
6. 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? If 1 Cor. 13:7 tells us to believe all things and hope all things, should our posture be to give people the benefit of the doubt?
7. What did you think of the comparisons of discernment vs judgment

Discernment

- Is what we can know
- Is thoughtful and cautious
- Fights against spiritual darkness
- Assesses actions and beliefs
- Is humble and can be wrong

Judgment

- Is what God knows
- Draws quick conclusions
- Fights against people
- Assesses someone's worth
- Is proud and is always right

8. When does mercy become permissiveness—and how do we discern the difference?
9. What does "with the measure you use, it will be measured to you" mean practically?
10. Why does Gospel of John 7:24 say, "Judge with right judgment"?
What is typically needed for us to be able to make a right judgment?