

## LIFE GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

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These questions are for the **August 16, 2015 Sermon**, "Lawgiver and Judge" Please read the sermon passage (James 4:11-12) together out loud.

### Sermon Outline:

WE MUST NOT VERBALLY POSITION OURSELVES . . .

1. **Against the believer and the Law** (11)
  - A. To do so is to judge the believer.
  - B. To do so is to judge the law.
2. **Above the Lawgiver and the Judge** (12)
  - A. He alone can save.
  - B. He alone can destroy.

### Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: When we place our opinion over God's revealed Word, we will speak against our brother (a reference to "all other believers") sinfully. Where in your life do you have an opinion about other people's behavior that makes you feel free to speak about them negatively? How have your actions hurt the other person? What should you do about this situation?
2. Based on #1, above: When we speak negatively of a brother because of our own opinions, we are judging God's law and God himself. In fact, it is as if we are making ourselves into "gods." Discuss.
3. Based on #1, above: Discuss the statement from FB Meyer that when we are in relationship with others and note even sinful behavior, we do not know
  - How hard they have tried to resist.
  - How hard the enemy is at work in the situation.
  - What we would do in the same situation.
4. Based on #2, above: How have you been hurt by others who have spoken of your non-sinful behavior as if they were judge? How can your experience with this kind of broken relationship and disappointment make you sensitive to your own tendency to sin in this area?
5. Discuss this statement: "Do not bring a critical spirit into the fellowship of believers."