

MARK MY WORDS

Pastor Dave Bechtel | I Cor 11: ____

- I. We can avoid judgment
- John 3:16; I Cor 3:10ff;
II Cor 5:10; II Tim 2:11-12;
Rev 2:26-27; I Cor 11:17-34
- A. We can avoid some of the Lord's discipline in our lives
- John 1:12;
Prov 13:24; 22:15; 23:13-14;
Heb 12:5-11; Prov 20:30;
I Kings 1:5-6; John 10:10
- B. We can avoid the Lord's corrective discipline
- Heb 5:7-8; II Tim 3:16-17;
John 16:33
- II. God's "judgments," can look "natural"
- I Cor 11:30; 15:6, 18, 20
- A. They can include body troubles
- I Kings 11:9-14, 23, 26;
Prov 16:7; Num 12:1-2, 9-11;
II Kings 5:19-27;
II Chron 26:16-21;
John 5:12-14; Rev 2:21-22;
Acts 5:1-10; II Sam 6:7;
I Cor 10:1-13; I John 5:16-17
- B. We can't always make the connection
- John 9:1-3; II Sam 21:1
- III. The wise judge themselves
- Rom 8:1
- A. They examine themselves
- I Cor 11:28; James 1:5;
Prov 27:6; I Tim 1:19-20;
Rev 3:2a
- B. They take appropriate action
- II Cor 11:33-34

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

The following is designed to help your group enter into meaningful discussion and application as you become a more fully-devoted follower of Jesus. These questions are a guide and you may not address all of them in group. Look through them ahead of time and identify questions you would like to discuss more thoroughly together. Any questions not addressed during group may be useful for personal study. Remember, our goal is to not just listen to the Word but obey it (James 1:22).

- 1 Corinthians 11:28 tells you to examine yourself before you take communion. If you were taking communion today, what would your examination reveal?
- What do Psalm 139:23, Lamentations 3:40 and 1 Corinthians 11:31 call us to do? How do you make this a pattern in your daily life?
- Sometimes our examination reveals that we're majorly "off the road." Are you on the highway or in the ditch? If you're in the ditch, what life pattern do you need to change?

4. Read Hebrews 5:7-8 and 12:5-11. What discipline is the Lord giving you right now? Do you know what the Lord's trying to teach you? Even if you don't know, what promises are given to believers that help them endure?

5. How can you minister to those who are losing heart during God's discipline (2 Corinthians 4:16, 1 Thessalonians 5:14)? What about those who are rejecting the Lord's discipline (Galatians 6:1, 2 Timothy 2:25-26, James 5:19-20)?

Gospel in Action: What is the difference between the judgment God gives believers and non-believers (John 3:16-18)? What do you need to do to help a non-believing friend avoid God's eternal judgment? Be prepared to talk to the group next week about how it went.