

# Take It Home

Applying the Preached Word



## Charitable Judgments

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### Text

1 Cor. 13:1-7

### Main Point

Christian love assumes this posture toward others that is inclined to believe the best about them and hope the best for them. This is the Beauty of Charitable Judgments.

### Key Ideas

1. Christians are called to judge but they are commanded to judge with charity
  - Ken Sande: "Love always looks for reasonable ways to trust others, to hope that they are doing what is right, and to interpret their words and actions in a way that protects their reputation and credibility. This is the essence of charitable judgments."
2. Life is full of opportunities to judge charitably or uncharitably
  - Judging charitably is not a task we do when faced with a problem someone else is causing us. It is a life looking for opportunities to express love that finds expression in charitable judgments when we feel wronged.
3. Suspicion is an enemy of love.
  - Suspicion causes us to lead away from others. Love calls us to move toward others.
4. We can judge with charity because Christ was judged on behalf
  - We can be a church that is marked by radical love, a church that rejoices in the truth, a church that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things, a church that breathes grace and forgiveness, a church exploding with mercy and forbearance and the beauty of charitable judgments.

### Fellowship Starters

*Treasure - Application to stir our love for Christ?*

1. How has Jesus taught you to love others since you came to know him?

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2. Where did you sense the Spirit of God at work in your heart in this message?

*Grow - Application to stir our obedience to Christ*

3. What are some situations where you might be more likely to judge people uncharitably?
4. How would you tell if you might be judging someone uncharitably? What would it look like for you?
5. What can we do if we find we've been uncharitably judging someone?
6. Pray with anyone who is aware of sinful judgment that God is revealing.

*Proclaim - Application to stir our witness for Christ*

7. If you were talking to someone who was an unbeliever but was judging others how could you use this passage to help them see their need for Christ?