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Sermon Study Guide

**Lead Pastor Brian Bales – *Off Brand Jesus: Judgment or “ism”?*
Jude 18-21**

They said to you, In the last time there will be scoffers, following their own ungodly passions.” 19 It is these who cause divisions, worldly people, devoid of the Spirit. 20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, 21keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. (Jude 18-21 ESV)

A Life Application Study Guide

James 1:22-25 tells us to put into practice what we are discovering in God’s word.

DISCUSSION POINTS

1. Bar Code Christianity: the code does not make something real, the contents or ingredients do.
 - You may be wearing a t-shirt with a logo and text but how do those words accurately describe you?

Depending on the t-shirt, what might people believe about you?

- Are we to “*see something and say nothing*”?
- How do we make judgments? When should we judge? (Examples given include 1 Cor. 6:1-8; 1 Cor. 14:29; 2 Cor. 6:14)
- If we don’t judge any behavior, what might that lead to?

4. How do we live? How can we navigate the tension between judging and becoming judgmental?

- There are two directives in these verses from Jude: *pray and keep*. How are we to “*see something, say something*” with these guardrails in place?

