

JUDGING JUSTLY

Matthew 7:1-6

MESSAGE RECAP

In this sermon, we explore the profound teaching of Jesus on judging others. Jesus' words, "Do not judge, or you too will be judged," are well-known but often misunderstood. The term "judge" here has layers of meaning: to analyze, evaluate, or condemn. While we are called to exercise good judgment, we must avoid condemning others, a practice reserved for God alone. Jesus focuses on self-reflection, urging us to address our own faults before pointing out others'. By removing the metaphorical plank from our eyes, we can see clearly and help others without hypocrisy. Jesus is teaching us to judge actions, not people, fostering a culture of grace and love within our community.

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. No judgment, how are you...really?
2. Matthew 7:1-2
 - a. Why does this matter in our culture as well as theirs? What could this mean to your daily life? I.e. Work, family, and friends.
 - b. In what ways could your judgments of others be used against you?
3. Luke 6:37:
 - a. How does distinguishing between evaluating actions and condemning people change your perspective on judgment?
4. Matthew 7:3-4
 - a. Why do you think Jesus uses the metaphor of a speck and plank to describe our tendency to judge others?
 - b. Galatians 6:1: How can we balance holding each other accountable with the call to avoid condemnation?
5. What steps can you take this week to honestly evaluate your own heart and actions before addressing others' faults?
6. Pray through Psalm 139:23-24.

PRAY