

Home Group Discussion Questions

TBC SERMON SERIES: Learning From Jesus

Message #13: To Judge or Not to Judge.

Matthew 7:1-6

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MY STORY:

- 1) Is it easier for you to identify faults in yourself or others? Why?

- 2) Do you feel that you could be considered hypocritical in any areas that you tend to be judgmental of others about?

QUICK REVIEW:

This week we continue with our series Learning From Jesus, a look at the Sermon on the Mount. This is probably the most famous teaching section by Jesus found in Scripture, providing his disciples a contrasting framework for viewing their lives with each other and God than was popularly held. Was there anything from this week's sermon that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? How would you summarize the main ideas of this week's message?

DIGGING DEEPER:

Read Matthew 7:1-2.

- 1) Matthew 7:1 seems to be almost as well known as John 3:16! Why is it so popularly used in culture?

- 2) What do you think Jesus means by "Judge not"?

- 3) Do we sometimes apply different standards to others than we apply to ourselves? Give examples.

Read Matthew 7:3-5.

- 4) What is being described here? Give a practical illustration.

- 5) How do these verses help us understand what Jesus is telling us in verse 1?

- 6) I once had a friend who had a struggle with a particular sin tell me, “Don’t judge me from your strength, judge me from your weakness”. What do you think he meant?

Read Matthew 7:6.

- 7) It would appear that identifying “dogs” and “pigs” would require some form of “judging”. How do you reconcile this with 7:1?
- 8) What do you think Jesus’s point is here? What things should we not put before dogs and pigs and why? Can you give real world examples?

TAKING IT HOME:

- 1) Are there people in your sphere (maybe family, workplace, or friend group) that you need to be less judgmental towards?
- 2) Is there anyone that you have been judgmental towards that you might need to seek forgiveness from this week?

Prayer Requests:

