

The Raw Hypocrisy of Judging Others

*Making Jesus Known by Living Like Him*

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## **THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE**

*Context:*

Judging others is hurtful and unbiblical. Of course, we must make decisions regarding the character of those we hire, date, or put into ministry positions. Jesus, though, makes it clear that you and I should never put ourselves above another, or look down our nose at someone. If we do, we're hypocrites. In this section of the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord is calling out the insincerity, the disingenuousness, and the raw hypocrisy of judging others.

### **Key Scripture -**

#### **Matthew 7:1-6:**

<sup>1</sup>"Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup>For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup>You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

<sup>6</sup>"Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

## **DISCUSSION & APPLICATION**

- 1. What types of people are you most prone to find fault with? Why is it easier to find faults in others than it is to be realistic about your own shortcomings? Can you think of a person that you need to give grace to,**

while acknowledging the grace that God has given you? Now is the time to pray for the power of Christ to do so.

2. **Have you ever met with total rejection when you've shared the gospel? How did that feel? How would you discern between a person who is unreceptive, as opposed to someone with whom you should keep trying? Read Mark 10:17-27. How did Jesus handle the man who approached him regarding salvation and what can you learn from the Lord's actions?**
  
3. **Do you view God as a judge or as a loving Father? How does this distinction effect how you relate to him? Does his love for you ever waiver? How does the cross help you to know that you'll always be loved, even when you sin?**

## **NEXT WEEK'S TOPIC**

### **The Lord's Teaching on Faith and Trusting God's Provision**

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Matthew 7:7-11

