

Matthew 7: 1-5 (Do Not Judge)

Ice Breaker Idea: Share about a TV show that you have enjoyed watching lately.

Questions:

1. Do you agree that “Do Not Judge” seems to be the most popular verse to quote among those who are outside of the church? Why is this such a popular phrase?
2. In this passage, Jesus commands us not to judge. What is His definition of judging as we discussed in the sermon? How did this change your perspective?
3. There are 2 errors we often fall into – judging others excessively or completely avoiding it at all costs. What are the motivations behind these 2 tendencies? What does a healthy balance or middle ground look like?
4. It is easy to see small defects in others while missing large defects in ourselves (see Matthew 7:3). Why is does this happen? What will help us to reverse this in our lives?
5. “If we truly love those around us, we will want them to pass the test too”. What prevents us from proclaiming the truth that there is a test, and that Jesus is the only answer?
6. What areas do you see as the most difficult to speak truth into in your lives and in the lives of those around you?

“Digging Deeper”

Read 2 Timothy 3:16

1. What things are we told that Scripture is useful for? How do these things play out in our lives?

Read Romans 12:3

1. We are called to think of ourselves with ‘sober judgement’ – what does this mean?
2. How does an accurate view of ourselves help us to relate to others?