

Of Judgment and Judgmentalism

Matthew 7:1-6 Small Group Questions

- (1) Read Matthew 7:1-6.
 - (a) How have you personally seen this passage be misunderstood or misapplied?
 - (b) How come this is an uncomfortable passage for us?
- (2) What kind of judgment does Jesus warn us against in vv 1-4?
 - (a) What are hallmarks of this kind of judgment according to these verses?
 - (b) How does Jesus use humor to point out the absurdity of this kind of judgment?
- (3) What is the difference between church discipline (read Matthew 18:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 5) and sinfully judging a brother or sister?
- (4) What is the problem with judgmentalism according to James 4:8-12?
- (5) Why would you not want to be judged with the same standard with which you judge others (v 2)?
- (6) What does right judgment look like according to vv 5-6?
 - (a) What are aspects of right judgment according to these verses?
 - (b) Why is it wrong to conclude that we should never make a judgments about anyone or anything?
 - (c) How come it is vital to begin with right judgment about ourselves?
 - (d) Consider these passages together as you discuss how we see righteous judgment playing out:
 - 2 Peter 2 (whole chapter, but you can read select parts of it if you would prefer)
 - 1 Corinthians 5 (you already read this as part of Q3 above)
 - Matthew 18:15-18
 - Galatians 6:1-2
- (7) What does Jesus mean in v 6?
 - (a) Is He referring to believers or unbelievers?
 - (b) How can we apply what He says here, according to Proverbs 9:8, 23:9, and Philippians 3:1-3?
 - (c) When do you think the right time to persist in sharing the Gospel in the face of unresponsiveness is? How is that different from what Jesus seems to be saying here about hard-hearted scoffers?
- (8) Pray for repentant, gracious, loving, and wise hearts as you seek to obey Jesus in this.