



### What He Said Week 4 – What Jesus Said... About Judging Others Spiritual Formation Guide

We hope you'll use this guide to take the teaching from Sunday's service and reflect on it with a few friends or a group. If you have questions or want to talk more about how to take the next spiritual step, contact us at [info@wschurch.org](mailto:info@wschurch.org).

#### Scripture:

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.<sup>38</sup> Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.

"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?<sup>42</sup> How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

Luke 6:37-38, 41-42

#### Reflection Questions:

- What is one topic that gets you fired up and passionate to discuss?
- What stood out to you from Sunday's service? How did you sense God encouraging and challenging you through the songs, the message, and being together with others as part of the church? (The message's main points and scripture are listed below if it helps you think back.)
- Do you tend to be a confrontational person when you see something concerning in a friend, or more passive? Why is that?
- Read Luke 6:37-38 and 6:41-42. What do you notice in what Jesus said about judgment?
- Eddie shared, "If you want to be a person who helps others address their sin – you have to be a person who addresses your own." How can we do this and live in this way? (Get specific and practical.)
- Eddie also shared THREE TESTS you and I can employ to gauge whether we are helping someone, or wrongly judging the person:
  - The TEST of FAIRNESS (A good question to ask of yourself is, *"Do I hope God makes the same assumptions about me that I'm making about this person?"*)
  - the TEST of HUMILITY

- the TEST of LOVE

Which of these do you sense you most need to grow in? Why?

- Eddie shared, “we should judge everyone like a beloved friend.” What difference might love and relationship make in conversations about sin?
- Read this quote from the message aloud: “**Fairness** says, “What you did is wrong, but I want you to receive as much grace as I have.” **Humility** says, “I may deserve forgiveness less than you do.” **Love** says, “I want the best for you.” How does this challenge you today?
- Take time to close your group with several quiet moments listening to God. Ask him to help you listen to his words and take them to heart.

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Want some resources and ideas for how to grow spiritually? Visit [www.wschurch.org/resources](http://www.wschurch.org/resources) to see some of the tools that our team is recommending.

### Message Main Points and Scripture:

- **Don't judge me.**
- Luke 6:37 - “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn others, or it will all come back against you. Forgive others, and you will be forgiven.”
- James 1:15 - “When sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death.”
- **Jesus condemned passing judgment, not practicing judgment.**
- Luke 6 (Message paraphrase) - “Don't pick on people, jump on their failures, criticize their faults—unless, of course, you want the same treatment. Don't condemn those who are down; that hardness can boomerang. Be easy on people; you'll find life a lot easier.”
- Galatians 6:1 - “Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.”
- **Sometimes a person's first response is not his/her best response.**
- Luke 6:41 - “Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, ‘Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.”
- **spiritual and moral humility**
- Matthew 11:29 - “Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart...”
- **the TEST of FAIRNESS**
- Luke 11:4 - “Forgive us our sins, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US.”
- “Do not condemn others, or it will come back against you.” Luke 6:38 - “Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full – pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back.”
- **resist magnifying the sin of others while minimizing your own**
- Romans 2:1 - “You may think you can condemn such people, but you are just as bad, and you have no excuse! When you say they are wicked and should be punished, you are condemning yourself, for you who judge others do these very same things.”
- **the TEST of HUMILITY**
- Luke 6:42 - “How can you think of saying, ‘Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,’ when you can't see past the log in your own eye?”

- **the TEST of LOVE**
- Luke 6:41 - “Why worry about a speck in your friend’s eye when you have a log in your own?”
- **the people we presume to correct should truly mean something to us**
- John 8:9 - “When the accusers heard this, they slipped away one by one, beginning with the oldest, until only Jesus was left in the middle of the crowd with the woman. Then Jesus stood up again and said to the woman, ‘Where are your accusers? Didn’t even one of them condemn you?’ ‘No, Lord,’ she said. And Jesus said, ‘Neither do I. Go and sin no more.’”