

A Worship Discussion Guide for Individuals, Groups & Families for the week of July 27, 2025

Read the Bible passage aloud in your group meeting. This is a worship discussion guide, and our reflections and applications are grounded in Scripture. You do not need to work through the whole guide. Decide which points would be most helpful for your meeting,

and use them as a starting point for your time together.

Warm Up

• What things contribute to spiritual blindness?

Matthew 7:1-5 Why Do You See, But Not Notice?

- ¹ Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ 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? ⁴ 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? ⁵ 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.
- What does it mean to "judge"?
- Is it always wrong to sit in judgment? Doesn't Jesus actually commend good judgment (i.e. <u>Luke 7:43</u>)?
- What is one way you've judged the heart of another this past week. Why? What did judging do for you?
- According to Jesus, what spiritual peril are we in when we judge others (1-2)? Why might we be unfit to serve as judge (3-4)?
- What process and perspective is necessary if we are truly able to conflict with our brother (5)?

- In another New Testament passage, the apostle Paul connects current restraint in judgment to the Lord's Judgment Day (<u>I Corinthians 4:4</u>). If you believe we all will stand before our Judge, how does that affect the way you deal with others who offend you?
- Remember that the One teaching here promises to return to judge the living and the dead. Yet, He submitted to the divine punishment we are due for our hypocrisy, loveless pride, and blind arrogance. The only Righteous One was judged in our place, and He will be our sole plea on Judgment Day. How does this Good News free you from judging others and help you attend to the log in your own eye? How does this Gospel change the way you address the speck in your brother's eye?
- Repent and pray together in light of this week's passage.

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