

Growth Group Study Questions April 5th

Opener Question

1. Can you think of a time when someone judged you unfairly—or when you realized you judged someone too quickly? What happened, and what did it reveal about how easily we can misread people?

Read Matthew 7:1-2

2. Matthew 7:1 (“Judge not, that you be not judged”) is one of the most quoted and misunderstood verses in Scripture. How has this verse often been used to silence truth, accountability, or discernment, and why is it important to understand it in its full context?

3. Jesus warns that the measure we use will be measured back to us. How does this challenge the way we often treat others more harshly than we treat ourselves?

Read Matthew 7:15-20; Matthew 18:15-17; and John 7:4

4. How do these verse help clarify what Jesus means in Matthew 7:1-6 in regards to Judgment and what can it teach us on how we to understand what proper judgment looks like?

Read Matthew 7:3-5

5. Jesus uses the image of a speck and a plank. Why do you think it is often easier to see small faults in others while ignoring larger issues in ourselves?

Read Matthew 6:22-23; Isaiah 5:20-21 and 1 Corinthians 2:15-3:4.

6. Jesus says to first remove the plank from your own eye before helping your brother. How might this connect to the larger theme of having a healthy eye versus a corrupted eye, and what does that reveal about the kind of heart needed to truly help others?

7. What does it look like to develop a healthy eye and spiritual maturity so that we can discern truth clearly and respond to others with wisdom, humility, and grace?

Read Matthew 7:6

8. Jesus also speaks about discernment in not casting pearls before swine. How does this verse show that Jesus is not forbidding all judgment, but calling for wisdom and discernment?

Read Galatians 6:1-5

9. How does this passage demonstrate Matthew 7:1–6 in action and how does it demonstrate that judgement is not meant for condemnation but restoration.