

Message Notes | The & Series

Part 2: Judge & Do Not Judge

Matthew 7:1-6

- do not judge, or else... - **vs. 1-2**

**#1 Those who judge must _____
their own _____.**

- understand the two audiences
- a speck and a plank - **vs. 3-5**

#2 Address what's keeping you from _____.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- the necessary kinds of judgment - **vs. 6**

#3 Clear vision requires _____.

- is it possible this is you - **vs. 21-23**

#4 We can't _____ the final _____.
We can _____ the Judge's _____.

- help me...

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1. When you hear the phrase "Do not judge," what memories or emotions surface for you? How has that shaped the way you think about judgment?
2. **Read Matthew 7:1-2.** In what situations do you find yourself most tempted to take the judge's seat? What makes those situations especially difficult for you?
3. **Read Matthew 7:3-5.** Which of the "planks" do you most relate to right now: pride, projection, pain, or presumption? Which tends to cloud your vision the most?
4. Jesus said to remove your plank first, then help your brother. What does humble correction look like in real life? Has anyone modeled this well for you?
5. In Matthew 7, after Jesus cautioned against improper judging, he went on to list several areas of life that require diligent discernment. Is discernment something that comes easy for you, or is it more difficult?
6. We don't get to decide the final verdict, but the Judge has instructed us to discern his Word. How does this shape the way you "Judge & Do Not Judge" in everyday life?
7. If God helps you see as he sees, what might you start seeing differently this week?

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#1 Those who judge must meet their own standard.

- understand the two audiences
- a speck and a plank - **vs. 3-5**

#2 Address what's keeping you from seeing clearly.

- 1. Pain
- 2. Pride
- 3. Projection
- 4. Presumption
- continually judge these things - **vs. 6-23**

#3 Clear vision requires discernment.

- is it possible this is you - **vs. 21-23**

#4 We don't decide the final verdict.

We can discern the Judge's Word.

- help me...

Bible Reading for Today

Matthew 7:1-6

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged.² For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³ "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?⁴ How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?⁵ You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

⁶ "Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

