



Group Questions | August 14 | Week 16

SERIES RECAP

When Jesus came in the flesh, he set an example of what life was always supposed to look like. This series will be a verse by verse journey through one of the most important sermons ever preached. When Jesus gathered His early followers on the side of a mountain, he shared these words to prepare them for the calling they were stepping into as Kingdom people.

CONNECTION

The famous personality assessment, Myers Briggs, has four sections that help define your personality into one of two categories.

- Extraversion or Introversion
- Sensing or Intuition
- Thinking or Feeling
- And lastly, Judging or Perceiving

Judging or Perceiving delineates between those who like things to be clear-cut and orderly (Judging) and those who like things open-ended and flexible.

Which way does your personality lean; toward J - Judging or P - Perceiving?

Have you ever noticed the tensions between these two types of people? Maybe you're a clear-cut answer kind of person, and your friend or spouse likes to keep options open.

TENSION

This week's section of the Sermon on the Mount was Matthew 7:1-6. One of the main points here is that we shouldn't judge others. Why do you think, as Christians, who typically know we shouldn't judge others, we find it hard to stop doing this? Why is it so easy for people (Christian or not) to judge others?

Do you think this means we should never hold our Christian brothers and sisters accountable when they stray from being like Christ?

TRUTH

Someone read Matthew 7:1-5.

Why do you think it's so important to get the plank out of your own eye first?

Can someone read verse 6?

This past Sunday, Travis said the following about this verse. "These sacred things and pearls are God's kingdom and its values. Christ is saying don't apathetically let these things get destroyed via indifference and disobedience. Don't selfishly judge each other but don't apathetically let one another run wild either. If we live in these extremes, we all get hurt."

Does this bring any clarity to how verses 1-5 and verse six are tied together? What comes to mind when you think about all six of these verses?

APPLICATION

While it's important not to get carried away in our judgments of others, the more significant message in these verses is that believers should attain to be as much like Christ as possible. And when we see a brother or sister in Christ falling from this goal, we should make it known and help them. However, we also should take care not to ignore our own failings.

How do you think fellow believers (or specifically this small group) can hold one another accountable without also creating frustration and division among one another?

PRAY