

Do Not Judge
Matthew 7.1-6
You're not Good Enough. And that's a Good Thing
Growth Group Questions Week of May 6, 2018



1. We've all felt judged. We've all felt unfairly criticized, labeled, faulted, or condemned. What does it feel like? What is the range of reactions when we feel judged?
2. In what part of your life are you most susceptible toward judging others critically, harshly, ungenerously?
3. Jesus commands us not to judge in the sense of being condemning and destructive. Yet Jesus Himself is coming to judge and condemn people to everlasting punishment, Matthew 25.31-26, etc.! Why is it OK for Jesus to make such judgments while we are not? Consider these passages and others: Solomon's prayer in I Kings 8.37-40; Jeremiah 11.20; Revelation 2.23.
4. There are always more than enough specks in the eyes of those around. There are always more things to be critical of in those we live with. Sunday we talked about how a harsh, critical, ungenerous spirit is sometimes a defensive attack so others don't see our brokenness and insecurity. And sometimes our harshness towards others can keep us from dealing with our own messiness.
 - a. Talk about the Gospel of Jesus: how He is so serious about sin and yet so generous toward us sinners. The story of Jesus and Zacchaeus portrays this Good News, Luke 19.1-10.
 - b. How does the Gospel compel us to be generous in our judgements of others? Look at Ephesians 4.32.
 - c. Is God reminding you of someone whom you've been negative and harsh toward? Preach the Gospel to yourself and repent!
 - d. Who needs you to compassionately come alongside and help them remove a speck in their eye? Obey Jesus.