

October 21, 2018

In Sync with Jesus on Judging

Luke 6:37-42

OPENING (10-15 minutes)

- “Who are you to judge?” Have you ever heard, or spoken, this question? How is it usually used in our culture?
- What insights from Sunday’s message did you find most helpful? Most challenging?

CLARIFYING THE TEXT (20-30 minutes)

Read the passage aloud in your group. Use the questions below to dig in to Jesus’ words.

- Jesus instructs us to not judge. What kind of judging is he talking about? In what ways might it be right to judge?
- What is the difference between being judgmental and making a moral judgment?
- Why is accurate self-examination vital in following Jesus?
- Picture yourself in the scenario that Jesus describes – a speck of sawdust in the eye or a plank protruding from the eye. In what ways do you tend to focus on sawdust (critical of others)? Are there planks in your eyes that affect your ability to see others clearly?
- Jesus didn’t hesitate to call people out as hypocrites. What traits or attitudes is he addressing with that term? How does this relate to blindness and eye obstructions?

Additional texts to consider:

- John 7:24
- Romans 2:1-3
- Romans 14:10-11

OBEYING: How can you be more in sync with Jesus? (20 minutes)

- What situation comes to mind where you can stop judging? How can the group support you in this step?
- What steps can you take this week to deal with the planks in your own eyes?

PRAYING: *Close your group in prayer for each other to keep in sync with Jesus.*

