

TAKING IT HOME
Applying this message to everyday life

REALationships
#571 – Judge Not
Matthew 7:1-5

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1. According to a recent Pew Research, report over 60% of millennials claim Christians to be judgmental. Do you feel like their assessment is accurate and if so, then what specifically do you think they observe?

2. What judgmental attitudes have you seen come from Christians and how did that make you feel?

3. What is the most practical thing you could do, according to what Pastor Fred taught, to eliminate judging others in a harmful manner?

4. Spend time in prayer to ask God to help you obey this command.

Judge Not

“I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.”
John 12:47

Understanding this Command

The responsibility of a judge is to determine _____ and enforce consequences of the _____.

When we judge we tend to _____ the faults of others and _____ our faults.

Judgement often _____ relationships

When we judge, we _____ the Holy Spirit’s territory.

Errors in Removing the Speck:

- 1. Telling a person you see a fault they need to take care of leads to _____.
- 2. Telling a person, “People are offended by your actions” reinforces _____.
- 3. Avoiding a person and saying nothing leads to _____ relationships.

What you _____ is very well what you may _____ with.

The focus of this command is on _____

Be _____ with self and _____ with others.

Those who _____ seldom help; those who help _____ judge.

Getting-To-Know-Me Questions

Sharing time to get your group started

- A. How many different states have you lived in?

- B. Tell of an experience you had living through a natural disaster.

- C. Can you recall a time that you have been judged by someone else? How did that make you feel and how did it impact your relationship with that person?

LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK

For the week of September 10, 2017

Quick Review

1. As you reflect on last week's sermon, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following questions

2. Read Matthew 7:1-5 again and compare this to Romans 14:10. Is the warning about being judged related to the judgment of fellow man, of God or of both? Explain.

3. Read the parallel account of Jesus' teaching to not judge in Luke 6:37-38. What additional insight does Luke provide?

4. Read the account of when the prophet Nathan judged David for his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and the murder of her husband Uriah. What observations and insights do you find for how Nathan went about confronting David?