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DO NOT JUDGE IN THE KINGDOM
MATTHEW 7:1-6

Introduction

1. Are You Ready to Speak?

2. Are They Ready to Listen?

3. The Beautiful Community

*A disciple of Jesus is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed** to the **mission** of Jesus. (Matthew 4:19)*

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Reflection Questions for Groups or Individuals:

1. We talked today about a hypocrite being a “pretender.” How have you experienced this idea of “pretending” when it comes to your interaction with other people’s sin?
2. Kati shared about Matthew Perry’s story of Jennifer Aniston confronting him about his struggle with alcohol and how loved he felt by her. Have you ever experienced a loving word from a friend like this?
3. We said that the first step to talking with someone about their sin is to make sure YOU are ready to speak. That you have considered your own motivations and are coming in humility, knowing that you are in need of grace and forgiveness and freedom from sin as well. How might you put this into practice the next time you think you need to point out someone’s sin?
4. We also said that the next step is to make sure the other person is ready to HEAR what you have to say. What are some things you might consider when approaching someone else for a serious conversation?
5. We’ve said that disciple is someone who is **following** Jesus, is being **changed** by Jesus, and is **committed to the mission** of Jesus. Disciples of Jesus are being changed as we recognize our need for grace and mercy and are committed to extending the grace we receive from God out toward others. Pray for each other that you might do more and more extending of grace and less and less judging others.

Discovery Bible Study Method for Groups or Individuals

(for more information on this method of Bible study- see <https://www.dbsguide.org/>)

1. Talk: To begin the study, each person answers these questions:

- What are you thankful for?
- What is causing you stress?
- Who needs our help? How can this group help them?

2. Look Back (session 2+)

- Retell story from the previous meeting.
- What did you do differently because of this story?
- Who did you tell and what was the reaction?

3. Read & Re-tell

- One person reads the Bible passage out loud, and the rest follow along.
- Someone else retells the passage by memory, if possible. Others can fill in what is missing.

4. Look

- Read the passage again.
- Discuss what this passage says about God, Jesus or his plan.

5. Look again

- Read the passage once more
- Discuss what this passage says about humans
- Discuss what this passage says about being a disciple of Jesus

6. Inside me

- According to this study, what am I doing well?
- What do I need to change?

7. Who else?

- Who needs to hear this story?
- How can I tell them?
- Who can I invite to study the Bible?

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