

**JUDGY**  
**MATTHEW 7:1-6**  
**10/29/23**

**I. MISQUOTED PASSAGE**

*Matthew 7:1 - "Judge not, that you be not judged."*

- 1. Standard by which we judge is God's Word (Truth)**
- 2. Purpose of judging is to help people move from sin to holiness**

**II. THREE IDENTIFIERS OF A JUDGMENTAL HEART?**

**1. Heart = Misunderstands Human Depravity**

*Matthew 7:2 - "For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."*

~ **As sinful people we make horrible judges**

**2. Heart = Lacks Self-awareness**

*Matthew 7:3 - "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"*

~ **We are blind to the effects of our sin**

**3. Heart = Full of Pride**

*Matthew 7:4 - "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?"*

~ **We have an inflated view of our own righteousness**

**III. JESUS' STANDARD OF JUDGMENT**

**1. Calls us to brotherly responsibility**

*Matthew 7:5 - "You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."*

~ **"What's in you is in me too"**

~ **Born out of humility**

**2. Reminds us that Jesus is the only perfect Judge**

*John 3:17-18 - "For God did not send his Son into the world to judge the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.<sup>18</sup> Whoever believes in him is not judged, but whoever does not believe is judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God."*

## COMMUNITY GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did you think about the message this week? What stood out to you or challenged your thinking?
2. Why do you think the message of the world is to “never judge someone”? What does it communicate about our world that it avoids judgment?
3. Why is it so easy for us to become judgmental of others? What does it communicate about us that we do this?
4. What aspect of the way that God treated you in the Gospel should compel you to be humble with others?
5. Why is it important for us to see God as the perfect judge? Which of His many attributes makes Him a perfect judge?

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 4:5

6. What does God do as a judge that we cannot in this verse? Why is it important for us to know how God will judge us?
7. We judge to get our commendation from men, but Paul tells us (in 1 Cor. 4:5) that if God judges, then He will also give the commendation. Which commendation is more meaningful and why?
8. If we do need to rightfully judge sin and falsehood... What would be some good things to do before you approach the issue?
9. Are we more sensitive to the sins of others than we are to our own sins? Why is this? How do we increase our awareness of our own sin?
10. How can right judgement help people move from sin to holiness?