

Relationships in the Kingdom Matthew 7:1-13

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Supplemental Scripture

Hebrews 5:11-14 Proverbs 27:5-6 John 7:24 1 Corinthians 5:9-12

Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

1. Accountability. Take a few minutes at the beginning or end of group time and discuss how your life has changed this week based on the teachings of Christ. How did you live differently? How have your perceptions changed? How did your reactions change? What did God point out in your life or in what areas did He convict you? Has repentance occurred? If so, in what areas of your life?

2. The Log and the Speck. Read Matthew 7:1-6. How have you heard this passage interpreted or how have you interpreted this before? From verses 3-5, discuss personal judgment versus judging others. Review verse 6 and read 1 Corinthians 5:9-12. What is our Christian responsibility in judging?

3. Ask, Seek, Knock. Read Matthew 7:7-11. How have you heard this passage interpreted or how have you interpreted this before? How has this passage been abused? Discuss the importance of the context of this passage. How should we apply this passage? What do we learn about the Father here?

4. The Golden Rule. Read Matthew 7:12-13. How has this passage been misinterpreted? What are the implications of verse 12? What are the implications of verse 13? How does this affect the mission of our church concerning the gospel?

Prayer: Spend some time in prayer this week asking God to expose our judgmental hearts. Pray that our eyes would see others as Jesus does with compassion. Pray that we would be courageous in our admonition to our brothers and sisters and that we would be able to humbly receive the same. Pray that we would not judge the outsiders but live in a way that draws them to Christ. Finally, pray that we would be so passionate about the truth of the gospel that it would flavor the world around us.

Next Week: Matthew 7:14-29