

SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Week 14

Read Matthew 7:1-6

Note: The word “judge” is sometimes used in the sense of a courtroom, but it can also speak of examining someone. We are obviously called at times to make moral judgments of what is right or wrong, wise or foolish. Compare this usage to **Romans 14:10** and **James 4:11-12** where it is referring to holding someone in contempt or “speaking against” someone.

Retell: Summarize in your own words what Jesus is saying about judging the sins of others.

Discuss: How does God feel and/or respond when we are judgmental?

What is the danger of contemptuously judging the sins of others without assessing your own sin, according to this passage?

Where do you find yourself being drawn into a judgmental state of mind? Do certain types of media tempt you to react this way?

Application: Take a moment to pray and listen. How might you take a practical step today to evaluate your own sin instead of judging someone else contemptuously? Write it down and share it with the group.

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