



In today's passage, Jesus delves into judgment, self-awareness, and discernment. These verses begin with Jesus teaching about judgment, emphasizing the reciprocal nature of judgment and the importance of self-examination before critiquing others. He uses some vivid examples (speck and plank) to illustrate our tendency towards hypocrisy and highlights the need for humility. Additionally, Jesus gives us a nuanced perspective on discernment. Today's study explores the theological and practical implications of Jesus' teachings from Matthew 7:1-6, offering insights into how they can be applied to our lives as we follow Christ.

Key Passage: Matthew 7:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. What does Jesus mean by "Do not judge, or you too will be judged" in Matthew 7:1? How does this verse align with His teaching in Matthew 18:15-17 or Paul's instruction in 1 Corinthians 5:1-5, 12-13?
2. In Matthew 7:2, Jesus says, "For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged." How can we ensure our judgments are fair and compassionate?
3. Why do you think Jesus uses the metaphor of the "speck" and the "plank" in verses 3-5? What is the significance of this imagery? How can we identify and address the "planks" in our eyes before pointing out the "specks" in others?
4. In verse 6, Jesus advises not to give what is sacred to dogs or throw pearls to pigs. What does He mean by this, and how should it influence our actions?
5. How can we discern when and how to share the gospel with others, based on the guidance in verse 6?
6. What role does humility play in the teachings of Matthew 7:1-6, and how can we cultivate it in our relationships?
7. How can we balance the call to avoid judgment with making wise and discerning decisions about people's actions and behaviors?