

Jesus and the Judgmental Matthew 7:1-6

OUTLINE:

1. Being judgmental brings judgment (Matthew 7:1-2)
2. The judgmental person is delusional and hypocritical (Matthew 7:3-5)

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

POINT: Jesus calls us to refuse to be judgmental and self-righteous which is by definition hypocrisy

VISION: When we live out of Christ's righteousness instead of self-righteousness, we show people the love and mercy of God.

QUESTIONS:

Q: If we lived our lives according to what Jesus calls us to in the "Beatitudes" (Matthew 5) how would people describe us in our culture? How do people describe Christians in our culture?

Q: In Matthew 7:1-2 what does Jesus say about the standard by which people will be judged?

Q: What does Jesus mean by "judge not"? Can we not make any "judgments" at all? What about the judicial system? If that's not what it means, what does it mean?

Leader: While we are called to judge between "good and evil" we are called to reject being "judgmental".

Q: What is the difference between making good judgments and being judgmental?

Q: In Matthew 7:3-5 Jesus tells us a funny story about a guy who keeps pointing out dust in other people's eyes when he has a 2x4 in his own eye. What can we learn from this story? How might this help us in interpersonal relationships and conflict resolution?

Q: How is the gospel the solution to being judgmental?

APPLICATION:

1. Catch every judgmental thought you have this week and reject it!
2. Catch every attempt to justify yourself and be defensive—and reject it.
3. Be joyful...through the gospel we get to change hearts.

For those of you who have been looking at the Christian faith from the outside and all you have seen is judgment and condemnation please forgive us for misrepresenting the reality of who Christ really is.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

-Wednesday, April 26 @ 6:30pm is the Prayer & Praise night at the new building (101 E Comstock Dr, Chandler 85225). This will be very informal, kids are welcome but no childcare will be provided. Bring your own chair if needed.

-Ladies Night Out is April 29th from 6:30-9pm at Linda Baker's home. RSVP online at ahwatukee.newvalleychurch.org/events

-Guys Night is May 7th at 6pm at New Valley