

Sermon: Judge Not. Why Not?
Series: Luke: The Gospel for Everyone.

Scripture: Luke 6:37-42.
Date: May 12, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about us?

a) In what ways can you tend to be judgmental (prejudice, stereotyping, critical, argumentative, showing partiality, unwelcoming, assigning motives, etc.)?

b) The deeper sin that Jesus is confronting in this part of the sermon is self-righteousness. In what ways is self-righteousness like a pit that we fall into (v. 39)? Can you identify self-righteous thoughts and actions in your own life?

2. What does this passage teach us about God?

a) Read John 3:17. God is not actively trying to condemn people now, he is trying to save them through the good news of Jesus. How does this truth change how you look at your enemies, neighbors, friends, family?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

a) Jesus was judged and condemned for our sin so that we might never be condemned. On the cross, he was unforgiven and received no grace so that we might be forgiven and given grace. How does trusting in these amazing truths more and more allow us to obey Christ's commands to judge not, forgive, and give to others?

APPLICATION

a) To judge is to condemn or to give up on someone. Is there anyone you have given up on in your life? What act of forgiveness and/or grace might you show to them this week?

b) Has your church experience been more of you saying, "Let me get that speck out of your eye," or you asking, "Can you please help me get this log of self-righteousness out of my own eye?" What specifically can you do to make it more of the later?

PRAYER

- Praise God for his immeasurable grace – pressed down, shaken, overflowing.
- Confess ways that you have judged others.
- Thank Jesus for taking your condemnation on the cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to condemn not, forgive, and give (even to enemies).