

## Luke 6:37 – Do Not Judge?

Jesus says not to judge and the Bible tells us to mind our own business. But, if we see a person making terrible choices that will really hurt them and we don't warn them, then we don't love them. But doing so is a form of judging.

(1) Do not judge your oppressors. Instead forgive them.

- ❖ Judge can mean (1) to distinguish between good and evil, or, (2) to sit in judgement looking down on someone, condemning them. Jesus' disciples are called to do the first, but not the second.
- ❖ Forgiveness means: (1) to refuse to seek vengeance with your actions, attitudes or thoughts; (2) to treat the person with love; and (3) to seek reconciliation if you have a relationship.

(2) What feels natural to humans is actually spiritual blindness.

- ❖ Sometimes Jesus' disciples may really dislike his directions and think that we know better than him. But we never will, at best we can only seek to be like him.
- ❖ If we disobey Jesus' directions and try to lead others based on what feels right to us, it will be like the blind leading the blind.
- ❖ We need Jesus to begin healing our eyes by removing our sin, before we try to remove other people's sins.

(3) There are two ways to judge a person's spiritual condition.

- ❖ By the overall fruit of their life.
  - The evidence you love and trust Jesus is that you obey him
- ❖ By how they respond to storms
  - If your faith collapses, it never had a solid foundation.



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### Ice Breaker

(1) Share how you are doing and pray for each other.

### Digging Deeper

- (2) Read Luke 6:37-38 and Point 1. Think back to last week's sermon on the beatitudes and loving your enemies. In that context, who are the people that Jesus is telling his disciples to forgive and not to judge?
- (3) What are the two meanings of "judge"? Which one is Jesus telling his disciples not to do? Why not?

### Living Out

- (4) Think about how you want God to treat you after you mess up. How does that relate to forgiving people who sin against you?
- (5) Read Luke 6:39-40 and Point 2. Why are Jesus' disciples sometimes tempted to think that we know better than he does? Why will ignoring his directions lead to disaster, both for us and those who follow us?
- (6) Read Luke 6:41-42. Explain the source of human spiritual blindness and why it is foolish to try to help others deal with their sin issues if we are not letting Jesus deal with ours.
- (7) Read Luke 6:43-49 and Point 3. Once Jesus begins to heal our eyes, we are called to judge between right and wrong, and to assess people's spiritual condition, starting with ourselves. Explain why long-term obedience to Christ, and perseverance through storms are the two clearest fruits of a healthy faith. What is the problem with their absence?