



**8-WEEK STUDY ON
COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD
BIBLE PASSAGES**

**WEEK 2
DON'T JUDGE ME**



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WEEKLY READING

Matthew 7:1

1 Corinthians 5:9-13

Matthew 18:15-17

Read ahead for next week: 1 Corinthians 10:13

GETTING STARTED

Goals for this session: To address the commonly misunderstood phrase “**Jesus said not to judge**” in its proper context and to correctly understand what the Bible teaches about accountability.

Missed the sermon? Watch it at www.youtube.com/venturamissionary

Break the Ice: What is one of your favorite movies of all time?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. When you think about the phrase, “**Jesus said not to judge,**” what are some reasons people say this?


 2. Have you ever heard the phrase, “**you do you?**” What are some reasons people say this? How has this popular phrase affected our culture’s willingness to tell someone that what they’re doing is wrong?

 4. Have you ever been guilty of focusing on the speck in someone else’s eye while you had a plank in your own eye? What are some examples of when you’ve seen this done or done it yourself?

 5. Do you know someone who is judgmental and critical? How do people act around that person?

 6. Read **1 Corinthians 5:9-13**. Does it surprise you to hear Paul say that he doesn’t have any business judging people “outside the church” (i.e. non-Christians)? Do you think we should judge non-Christians according to Christian standards and expectations? Why or why not?

 7. Pastor Doug talked about four ways to judge the way Jesus taught us in **Matthew 7:1-5**: (1) be compassionate, (2) be clean, (3) be careful, and (4) be close. Which of those is most difficult for you and why?

 8. If time permits, read **Matthew 18:15-17** and discuss.
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PRAY

Pray for each other: Have the group leader or a volunteer pray over the difficult circumstances group members are facing.

Pray on your own: Every day this week, ask God to help you remove the planks in your own eye so that you can better see to help the people you love with the destructive specks in theirs.

ACTION STEPS

Memorize the four reminders from the sermon (be compassionate, be clean, be careful, and be close) and use them to evaluate your heart before confronting anyone else's behavior or attitudes.

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