



SERMON STUDY GUIDE

“Matthew 7:1-6” on July 12th

CONNECT

How did last week’s passage we read/discussed from Matthew 6:25-34 affect your week?

DISCOVER - MATTHEW 7:1-6

What did the passage say or did you take away from the sermon this week?

How does this passage/did this sermon point us to Jesus or teach us about Jesus?

Matthew 7:1 “Do not judge, or you will be judged.” James 4:12 “There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?” Jason used both of these passages to address the subject of judging and what that means for a Christian. Let’s look at several statements Jason made in his message:

Jason said, “Only ONE sits on the throne – Jesus!”

- How tempted are you to judge others? One a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being never and 10 being constantly, where would you say your tendency to judge falls?
- How often have you thought of judging others as asking Jesus to ‘scoot off His throne?’
- How does that realization make you feel?

In discussing WHY we judge others, Jason stated that we judge because we don’t love those we are judging.

- Thinking of the people that are frustrating you most right now....are you loving them?
- How could you develop compassion, grace, and mercy for them as Christ would have us do?
- How often do you stop to evaluate /consider your own motives when criticizing others’ actions?
- Jason also said that Satan deceives us into thinking we can’t disagree with others and still be friends; how are you seeing this play out in our culture and in your ‘circle of influence?’

Jason pointed out how quickly we can rationalize our sin! He said we can be privately guilty but publicly destroy others with our judgments.

- Can you describe examples of this in our culture, in those around you, or in your own personal life?
- When you notice sin in another person’s life, is your goal to condemn or to restore?
- What log is in your eye right now?

Jason stated that Christ took our judgments, sin, shame, and preferences and made them righteous.

- How do you respond to that, and how does that affect your tendency to judge others so easily?
- Jason also indicated that our willingness to forgive or show mercy is directly tied to our understanding of how we’ve been forgiven or shown mercy; how does that impact your thinking in the way you look at others who think differently than you?

Jason said that our job as Christians is not to stand in judgment of people who disagree with us; it is to speak truth, not backing away from what is right and wrong.

- How can we make wise, discerning spiritual judgments yet avoid condemning?

Jason explained that there is only ONE who has the ability to know us, love us, and forgive us – and He did it on the cross. It’s our job to represent Him.

- How will you prepare to do that and put it into action this week?
- For whom could you be praying as they struggle with representing Christ well in their daily struggles?

RESPOND

Who is someone you can have a conversation with about what Jesus is doing in your life or invite to join you as you watch CU Church online next week?



CHURCH

LOVE GOD, LOVE PEOPLE

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“Matthew 6:25-34” on July 5th

PRAY

Praying for each other and spend time praising God. Pray that he will show you how to better love God and love people.

KEEP READING

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 where Paul talks about the “pearl” (Gospel of Jesus). 2 Samuel 12:1-13 where David is blinded by the log on his eye as he is confronted by Nathan. Hebrews 4:12-16 where we see the role of God’s Word and Jesus the High Priest.