MESSAGE TO CONVERSATION GUIDE
Armchair Quarterback | Thou Shall Not Throw Yellow Flags

1. What is your favorite Super Bowl food and if you watched the game, what did you think about it?

2. This stand alone message was called *Armchair Quarterback* which Joel defined as *someone who judges other peoples life, choices, or situations from the sidelines.* How easy is it for you to be an Armchair Quarterback & why do you think that is?

3. Read Matthew 7:1-2. What's the obvious point Jesus is making and how do you think Jesus Followers in general are doing at this?

4. Discuss these 2 lines from the message, *we judge others because we're all a little self-righteous* and *the more self-righteous we are the less self aware we tend to be.*

5. In this message, we talked about 3 options for how we'd like to judge & be judged. The 1st one was "angrily". We watched a video of neighbors trying to resolve a situation angrily. How did that represent the outcome of of this approach?

6. The 2nd option for how we'd like to judge & be judged was "religiously". Discuss this quote from that part of the message, *Christians will throw rocks at people but think, 'as long as I draw a cross on the rock 1st, it's ok'.* How is this flawed thinking?

7. The 3rd option for how we'd like to judge & be judged was "mercifully". Can you recall a situation when you were shown mercy (i.e. police officer gave you a warning)? How can mercy be a more powerful approach to change than the other 2 options?

8. Discuss this line from the message, *we couldn't build churches fast enough to fit all the people that would come if Jesus Followers were known for their over-the-top mercy.*

9. Read Matthew 7:3-5 and discuss the picture Jesus is painting with his illustration.

10. Read Matthew 7:6. This verse is Jesus' advice to how we respond to unjust judgement in our lives. What was His advice and how could you apply it?

11. What is your takeaway from this message and/or discussion?