

# **ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM:**

***Don't Judge Me!***

**Matthew 7:1-6**

**Sunday, September 9, 2018**

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**I. I judge someone not when I \_\_\_\_\_,  
but when I \_\_\_\_\_ them as a person. (vv. 1-2)**  
*“You have heard that it was said...but I say to you...” -Jesus*

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*  
(John 3:17)

**II. Judging others \_\_\_\_\_ that I don't know  
\_\_\_\_\_. (vv. 3-5)**

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8)*

*And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, "Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her." (John 8:7)*

*"So, if you are really motivated by genuine concern, I urge you to show the concern first for yourself, because your own sin is both more certain and greater." – John Chrysostom*

**III.** \_\_\_\_\_ **is ready to** \_\_\_\_\_  
**the truth.** (v. 6)

*Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it. (Matthew 13:45-46)*

*The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. (1 Corinthians 2:14)*

**Legend:**

- I. I judge someone not when I correct their position, but when I condemn them as a person.
- II. Judging others reveals that I don't know myself at all.
- III. Not everyone is ready to receive the truth.

**TRAIN READING PLAN: September 9-15**

- Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 3
- Psalm 105:1-24; 1 Corinthians 4
- Psalm 105:25-45; 1 Corinthians 5
- Psalm 106:1-23; 1 Corinthians 6
- Psalm 106:24-48; 1 Corinthians 7

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