

STUDY GUIDE

questions for later

DISCUSSION

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?

2. Read **Matthew 7:1-5**. Clearly Jesus says don't judge, but the Bible is also clear that we are to fight sin in each other, impurity in the church, and injustices in the world. How does this work? Pastor Dean told us three things that have to happen in us so that we can engage culture without being judgmental and hypocritical:

- Consider others more important than ourselves.
- Before you challenge another person's sin, first ask God to reveal your own sin and repent of it.
- Engage like Jesus.

How do we accomplish each of these in our own lives before we engage sin in others?

3. Your sin alone is enough to require the death of Jesus. If your sin was all there was Jesus would still have to lay down His life for you to have hope.

- How do you respond to this statement?
- How does it change your attitude toward others?

ACTION STEPS

Heart - Do you have someone to call you out when you are judgmental, to fight with you against sin and injustice, and to discover and deepen your relationship with Jesus? Have you considered creating a DNA group— three people of your same gender, committed to meeting weekly to discover, nurture, and act on your relationship with Jesus, together?

Contact brad@northridgenow.org for more information on forming a DNA Group.

Hard to Reach - Identify someone this week who is far from Jesus. Find ways to hear their story and begin building a relationship with them.

Home - Spend time with your family discussing ways to grow in devotion to Jesus so that His value in our life is easily and naturally seen by others. Contact emily@northridgenow.org for more resources.

Hurting - Identify someone who is hungry, sick, anxious, lonely, or has some other need. Find ways to meet that need.