

VOYAGE CHURCH

LIVE THE LOVE

Sermon Discussion Questions

The Bible Doesn't Say That

Part 4: "Don't Judge Me"

1. Read Matthew 7:1. This text has so popular as the most referenced verse in the Bible that is sadly misunderstood. Why is that so? What cultural factors have shaped the view that judging someone else is so wrong?
2. Does Matthew 7:1 mean we can't make any judgment calls? Why or Why not?
3. What kind of "judging" is Jesus condemning in Matt 7:1-5?
4. Too many Christians have far too much to say on matters where the Bible has nothing to say. The result is "judging" based on cultural preferences rather than scriptural principles. What are some examples of this?
5. In order to judge well, why should we start with ourselves? 1 Peter 4:17
6. Read James 2:13. Any judgment that focuses on condemnation rather than restoration needs to stop. When in doubt, lead with mercy. Why is the priority of mercy so critical to this conversation?

Application:

7. Can you think of people in your life who showed "risky love"? That is people who had the courage to tell you something was wrong in your life to help guide you back onto the path of life? Thank God for them today.

Prayer: Thank God that He took the judgement that we rightly deserve. Pray to make good judgment calls, but not with a plank in your eye. Make them with a cross in your eye. Let's be judged for loving people the way the Judge loved us.