



**MONTEREY  
CHURCH**  
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## **SMALL GROUPS MINISTRY DISCUSSION GUIDE**

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### **WELCOME**

*Would you rather be a movie director or a movie critic? Why?*

### **WORSHIP**

Listen to "Hymn Medley: 'Tis So Sweet/Turn Your Eyes (Chapel Sessions) |  
feat. Jessie Harris | Gateway Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d-b9dqxCDow>

### **WORD**

*Message Title: "Keeping It Real" | Luke: Good News for Broken People  
(Part 18) | Pastor Bryan James, 10/11/26*

*Scriptures: Luke 6:37-49*

1. What part of the message or Scriptures stood out to you this week? Why?
2. **Read Luke 6:37-42, Judging Others.** What actions does Jesus condemn and commend? What ultimate command is Jesus giving and what spiritual law is attached to it?
  - What is the point of the speck and plank? Describe how judgment equates to having a plank in your own eyes by which we now see others through (i.e., projecting)?
  - If we will reap what we sow, what is the 'good news for the broken' who have been found guilty of sowing judgment, harboring bitterness or unforgiveness toward others?
3. **Read vv. 43-45, A Tree and Its Fruit.** How does a tree and its fruit help us recognize a "kingdom person"? How does this relate to verses 37-42?
4. **Read vv. 46-49, Build Your House on the Rock.** Compare the two houses and their owner/ builder. How does this lesson relate to verses 41-45?
5. **Application & Reflection Questions:**
  - In light of this 3-fold teaching, how would you recommend approaching people who need help or correction?
  - What quality of fruit would your acquaintances say you are producing? (Grade A, wormy?) What would Jesus need to do to make it good?
  - During the last storm to hit your life, what did you learn about your life's foundation?
6. **If you are to take Jesus at his word in these passages and bring our lives into alignment with it, what faithful action do you need to take this week?**

### **WITNESS**

Be a witness and reflection of Jesus this week by abiding in this teaching and bearing the fruit of kindness, love, gentleness, patience, self-control to a watching world.

### **CLOSING PRAYER & INTERCESSION**

Share prayer requests and pray for one another.  
Allow space to wait and listen for God to speak, as you pray.