



Welcome: What was your first car?

Worship: Read Psalm 34 aloud and have someone open in prayer.

Word: *Read Matthew 7:1-6*

1. How did/does this message personally speak to you?
2. Explain the connection between judgment and criticism in this passage.
3. Pastor Bryan explained verse 2 from the view that it is connected to the law of reciprocity. Explain how that law works in ways that are both positive and negative.
4. How do we project our own faults onto others? Why does that often lead to wrong judgments among true followers of Christ?
5. How does a “critical spirit” masquerade as “the Holy Spirit?”
6. What does it look like to carefully remove the speck from your brother’s (or sister’s) eye? How is this the antithesis of judgment?
7. Verse 6 described the danger of vulnerability, openness, or even confession before Godless people. How can we protect each other from contempt and judgment in this group?

Witness: Close by praying God will indeed deliver Monterey Church from this evil, critical spirit and that He will replace it with His Holy Spirit, assuring the evil one cannot get back in.