

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### CHILD DEDICATION - MAY 10TH

*If you would like to have your child dedicated here at Westbridge Church, join us on Mother's Day Weekend as we dedicate kids in each service. Scan the QR code for info!*

### WATER BAPTISM BEEBE LAKE - JULY 12TH

*Our next opportunity for Baptism will be on Sunday, July 12th following the morning services at Beebe Lake! Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!*



## PERSONAL NOTES:

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## LIFE GROUPS:

### CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

**LIFE GROUPS** are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



## MESSAGE NOTES

### Bumper Sticker Theology // Week 4

Jesus came to save us from SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Luke 18:9-14)

Prematurely judging others is how I manage my IMAGE.

*"Do not judge or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." **Matthew 7:1-2***

Ways that we judge others:

1. We evaluate ourselves by LOWERING others.
2. We confuse BEHAVIOR with identity.
3. We evaluate the WORTH of another person.

*"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye?" **Matthew 7:3-4***

Withholding judgment is not the same as:

1. License to SIN.
2. Blind TOLERANCE.

Making a judgment is loving if:

1. It begins with EVALUATING my own heart.

*"You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." **Matthew 7:5***

2. It is motivated by a desire for RESTORATION.

*"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces." **Matthew 7:6***

*It isn't my responsibility to judge outsiders, but it certainly is your responsibility to judge those inside the church who are sinning. **1 Corinthians 5:12***

*Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. **Galatians 6:1-2***

# LIFE GROUPS

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

April 30th / May 3rd, 2026

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### WARM UP

1. Have you ever been unfairly judged or labeled? How did it affect you?

2. Be honest, what a “category” of people you’re most tempted to judge too quickly?

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### KNOW IT

1. Read **Matthew 7:1-5**. What do you think Jesus *actually* means by “do not judge”? What is he clearly *not* saying?

2. Read **Luke 18:9-14**. What made the Pharisee’s prayer offensive to God? Why was the tax collector justified instead?

3. Read **1 Corinthians 15:12-13**. What is the difference between how we relate to those inside the church and those outside the church?

4. Read **Galatians 6:1-2**. What should be our attitude when confronting someone who is struggling with sin?

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### SHARE IT

1. “Prematurely judging others is how I manage my image.” Where have you seen that play out in your own life?

2. Which is harder for you personally: Looking honestly at your own “plank”, or lovingly addressing someone else’s “speck”? Why?

3. Have you ever had someone confront you in a loving and helpful way? What made the difference in how they approached it?

4. Is there a situation right now where you’re struggling between: Being judgmental or avoiding truth altogether? What tension do you feel there?

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### LIVE IT

1. This week, before you correct someone else, what is one “plank” you need to honestly bring before God?

2. Ask God this question daily: “*What do You want to do in me?*” How could that shift your mindset this week?

3. Is there someone in your life who may need loving, restorative truth? What would it look like to approach them with humility and grace instead of judgment?