## **SEQUOIA NOTES**

Today's Sequoia Message...

**Judging Others** 

With Gerrit Nieuwoudt August 25, 2024



Matthew 7:1-5 (NIV) "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup> For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. <sup>3</sup> "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? <sup>4</sup> How can you think of saying to your friend, 'Let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye."

• Jesus prohibits personal condemnation, not moral discernment.

James 4:11: "there is only one lawgiver and judge, the one who is able to save and destroy."

· Jesus gives us an alternative to condemning.

1) Take care of yourself first.

John 8:7 "Let anyone of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."

2) We ought to approach others from a place of <u>love</u> and <u>humility</u>.

3) God's judgment is rooted in redemption.

John 8:9-10 "where are you accusers? Are there any left? Did not even one condemn you? No, Lord, she replied. And Jesus said, neither do I. Go and sin no more."

BIG IDEA: Reflect Jesus by offering grace, not condemnation.



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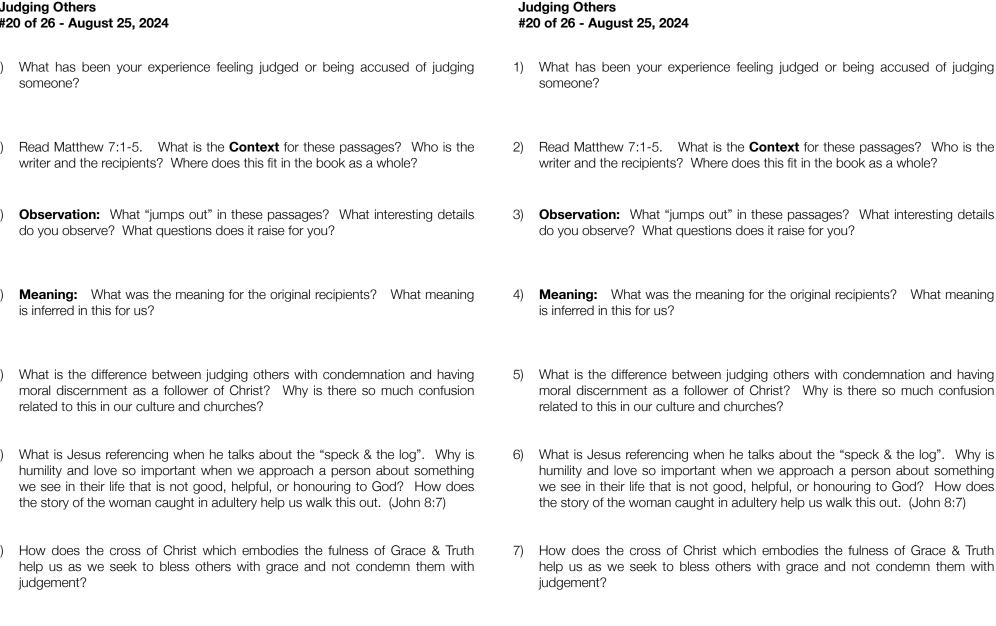
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