

Misquoted

Small Groups Discussion Questions

Week 2: “Don’t Judge Me!”

Scripture: Matthew 7:1

Big Idea: Jesus warns against hypocritical judgment, not discernment. We’re called to speak truth — but with humility, love, and self-awareness.

1. “Don’t judge me” is often the most quoted line from this passage.

Why do you think this phrase has become the go-to response for many Christians (and non-Christians)? What do you think people are usually trying to protect or avoid when they say it?

2. Jesus begins with “Do not judge,” but then spends time explaining how and why judgment can still be necessary.

Read Galatians 6:1–5 together. How does Paul’s instruction help clarify what Jesus is teaching in Matthew 7:1–6? What kind of attitude is required when correction is needed?

3. Jesus describes our sin as a “plank” and the other person’s as a “speck.”

What do you think Jesus is revealing about human nature through this exaggeration? What happens to relationships when we reverse that perspective?

4. Matthew 7:6 suggests discernment about how and when we share truth.

One way Jesus shapes that discernment is through prayer. How does the practice of talking to God about people before talking to people about God help us respond with greater wisdom, patience, and love.

5. Jesus anchors this whole teaching in the compassion of a good Father (Matthew 7:7–11). What might it look like to reflect God’s patience, mercy, and generosity when we speak truth about someone’s behavior? Where do you personally feel challenged to grow in compassion?