THE SPECK AND THE LOG

Matthew 7.1-6

Central Idea: We are not to have a self-righteous, critical and judgmental attitude toward others, but rather a spirit of graciousness.

Our Relationship to Fellow Disciples (1-5)

Principle Stated (1a)

Reason We Should Not have a Judgmental Attitude (1b-2)

Illustration (3-5)

Questions for Personal Reflection or Group Discussion

- 1. How would you describe a person who has a critical, judgmental attitude toward others? What would be true of them? (i.e., consider themselves better than others)
- 2. Why is it so easy for us to see the faults of others and overlook our own?
- 3. How do the following passages help us understand what Jesus in teaching here? Rom 2.1; 1 Cor 4.4-5; Gal 6.1-5
- 4. Jesus isn't telling us to not be critical thinkers. What kinds of judgments are Christ-followers exhorted to make according to these passages: 1 Cor 5.1, Gal 5.6-12, John 7.21-24, 1 John 4.1.
- 5. Read Mt 15.12-14 and Acts 18.5-7. When might it be wise to draw back from presenting truth to someone and walk away? Have you ever had this experience?
- 6. Pray for yourself and your fellow believers to display a generous spirit to others rather than a critical, judgmental spirit.

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THE SPECK AND THE LOG Matthew 7.1-6

Do not judge ...

Our Relationship to Fellow Disciples (1-5) Principle (1a) Reason (1b-2) Illustration (3-5)

Jesus is calling us to lay down our critical and harsh spirit.

Before confronting others about sin in their lives, we must first be conscious of and willing to deal with sin in our own. Living in repentance is the starting point for removing hypocrisy from our own lives and encouraging the same in our church.

We should be open to correction from others.

We should live in light of the judgment seat of Christ.

Our Relationship to Opponents of Christ's Kingdom (6)