

# Stop Judging Me!

Matthew 7:1–5

## 1. The Principle

Matthew 7:1–2

## 2. The Parable

Matthew 7:3–4

## 3. The Practice

Matthew 7:5

Application

## Life Group Questions

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**Opener:** Are you more likely to trust until proven wrong, or distrust until a person proves himself/herself?

**READ:** Matthew 7:1–5

1. What attitude is Jesus addressing when He says, “Judge not, that you be not judged”? Does this mean we are not to correct others?
2. What is the basis of the judgment called for in the following verses? How do they differ from the “judging” in Matthew 7?
  - a. Galatians 5:8
  - b. Galatians 6:1
  - c. James 5:19-20
  - d. 2 John 8–11
3. Jesus makes it clear that judgment and condemnation are prerogatives reserved for God alone (Mt. 7:2; Rom 2:1). We are, however, to evaluate and use discernment when dealing with people and situations. What is the difference between evaluation and condemnation? Can you provide an example?
4. Read James 3:1. What does this tell us about judgment and who will receive stricter judgment? Is this fair? Why or why not?
5. How do you balance confronting people with their sin and the fact that God is ultimately the judge?
6. What does it practically look like to first remove “the log” out of your own eye before attempting to remove “the speck” out of your brother’s eye?
7. How would the relationships in your life (family, work, life group) be impacted if you practiced what Jesus is teaching in Matthew 7:1–5?

**Memory Verse:** Matthew 7:5 ESV

*“You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye.”*