

Matthew 7:1-6
Treating Others with Gospel Grace

Matthew 7:1-6 – “Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? 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.”

John 7:24 – “Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”

Romans 14:1-4 – “As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.”

Romans 14:13 – “Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.”

I. Kingdom Citizens reject judgment because we are to view others through the lens of the gospel.

II. Kingdom Citizens refuse to be judgmental in our attitudes and actions (vv. 1-2)

III. Kingdom Citizens are required to examine ourselves and encourage others (vv. 3-5)

Questions for Reflection:

- 1.) Who have I been critical of in the last week? Month?
- 2.) Has my focus on their faults blinded me to my own?
- 3.) What does it look like to encourage others in their weakness?

1 Corinthians 13:6-8a – “[Love] does not rejoice at wrong doing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

Living Out the Gospel with the One Another's:

- 1.) Comfort One Another (1 Thess. 4:18)
- 2.) Forgive One Another (Col. 3:13)
- 3.) Bear One Another's Burdens (Gal. 6:2)

- 4.) Care for One Another (1 Cor. 12:25)
- 5.) Show Hospitality to One Another (1 Peter 4:9)
- 6.) Pray for One Another (James 5:16)
- 7.) Receive One Another as Christ Received Us (Romans 15:7)