



# Message Notes

## Mini-series 4: Make the Most of It

### Week 2: Matthew 7:1-6 (NIV)

#### Big Idea for this week:

Our judgmental attitude is a \_\_\_\_\_ that prevents us from making the most of God's good life

1. Judging \_\_\_\_\_ motives seldom gets the results we \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Judging \_\_\_\_\_ motives always gets the results they \_\_\_\_\_.

How can we avoid having a judgmental attitude?

1. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Pray for \_\_\_\_\_ to speak and listen

3. Praise \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Praise God for \_\_\_\_\_ to speak and listen

Big idea: division 1. other's/want 2. our/need  
How: 1. people 2. opportunities 3. people 4. opportunities

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday gathering. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family, and/or with your Life Group.

1. What part of Jesus' Message stuck out to you today? What does this passage reveal to us about God? How do you see the beatitudes affect this section of Jesus' Message on the Mount?

2. Why do you think human beings are quick to judge?

3. Jesus tells before we address sin in others, we need to first see our sin as the bigger problem, or else we may fall into judging others with wrong motives. Which people do you have the most trouble with this?

4. Do you agree that we like to receive God's grace and mercy? Do we deserve that? Do you treat others with the same measure that you have been given? Why or why not?

5. What are we feeding people? What are some "good" ways to share the Gospel? What are some ways that might not be so "good"?

6. Re-read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8a. What areas do you need God to remind you that love is "the most excellent way"?

**Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for saving me and for not treating me as my sins deserve. Will You help me to become more like Your Son, Jesus, who balanced love and truth perfectly. I know I won't always get it right but help me to judge with pure motives and with a right attitude, uniting others to You. Thank You, Jesus. In Your Name, amen.**