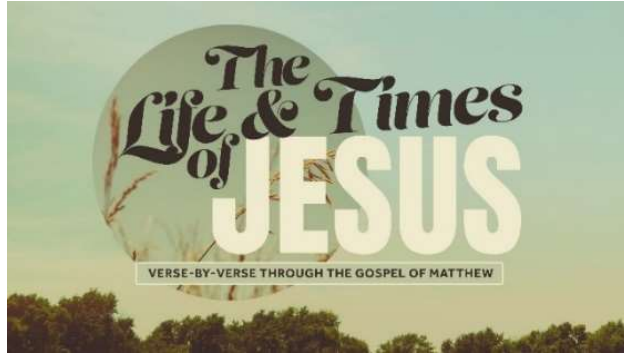


## FELLOWSHIP NOTES ~ SUNDAY, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025



### The World's Greatest Sermon - Part 16: "Personal Relationships in the Kingdom" Matthew 7:1-6

#### *Theme of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Citizenship*

- 1. The Command: Don't judge others – Matt. 7:1; 1 Sam. 16:7; 1 Chron. 28:9b;  
Matt. 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1; Romans 16:17-18a**

To Judge = to form an opinion or come to a conclusion about someone without fully knowing or understanding their heart or their motives.

Righteous judgment is necessary, unrighteous judgment is condemned by Jesus.

- 2. The Consequence: Equal Treatment by God – Matt. 7:2**

The spiritual principle of sowing and reaping – Galatians 6:7

- 3. The Illustration: The Log and the Splinter – Matt. 7:3-5; John 8:7; Ps. 139:23-24**

Jesus' point is twofold: a hypocrite is one who judges someone according to man-made standards instead of God's standards who is the only righteous judge, and one who calls out sin in others without first reflecting on their own heart.

- 4. The Principle: Practice spiritual discernment – Matt. 7:6**

Discernment is the ability to tell right from wrong in our hearts as well as in others.

Discernment is possible with the Lord's help. He provides the wisdom we need with the Spirit's help to be discerning.

Tips for Righteous Judgment:

- 1.) Always pray first – for discernment for yourself and for the other person
- 2.) Evaluate your own personal motives – Psalm 139:23-24
- 3.) Keep God's mercy in mind – Eph. 4:32
- 4.) Choose your words carefully – Eph. 4:29
- 5.) Assume the best in others – give them the benefit of the doubt
- 6.) Forgive – Eph. 4:32
- 7.) Use truth (God's Word) and gentleness – Galatians 6:1; Eph. 4:29

## **Growth Groups and Personal Study Guide for November 9<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>**

### **Reminders:**

1. We have some very exciting opportunities afforded to our entire church family to grow our hearts for Christ's mission and our participation in it both individually and as a church. Please prayerfully consider what God would have your part be in this special giving opportunity. Our Thanksgiving offering goal is \$14,000.
2. Saturday & Sunday, November 15th & 16th we are excited to have Greg Allen and his wife, Julieann, founders of the sending agency GSI, as they share with us what God is doing in the world to bring praise to His name.

### **Watch Session 1 Film: The Necessity of the Word (approx. 45 minutes)**

### **Group Discussion Questions (provided in your Missionary handbook)**

### **Worship-Based Prayer Time: Read & Pray – 2 Timothy 3:14-17**

*<sup>14</sup> But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed. You know those who taught you, <sup>15</sup> and you know that from infancy you have known the sacred Scriptures, which are able to give you wisdom for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup> All Scripture is inspired by God and is profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup> so that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

### **REVERENCE**

- Heavenly Father, I thank you for... (spend time thanking God for specific people in your life who faithfully taught you the Word – parents, grandparents, pastors, etc.)

### **RESPONSE**

- Father, I confess that your Word has revealed to me... (What is an area in your life that the Holy Spirit is seeking to grow in you right now through the Word?)

### **REQUESTS**

- *Pray verses 16-17 for your church, for your growth group, for your family, etc.*

### **READINESS**

- “We praise you for the example of William Tyndale and for his faithful service to You in translating the Bible into English. Please help us to become lovers of Your Word and help us to play our part in helping more people read it in their mother tongue. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” (Missionary guide – page 3)

