

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 9/19/21

Matthew 7:1-6 “The Danger of Judging Others, and Not Judging Others”

Series: The Sermon on the Mount: Kingdom Living 101

I. Jesus confronts the danger of _____ others (1-5).

A. We are _____ (1-2).

B. We are _____ (3-4).

1. It shows up in what we ____ (3).

2. It shows up in what we ____ (4).

C. We are being _____, unless... (5).

1. We deal with our _____ sin first.

2. We then help our _____ with his sin.

II. Jesus confronts the danger of ___ judging others (6).

A. We are not to be _____.

B. We are to be _____.

Make It Personal: Jesus has revealed two realities to us.

1. Our relationships take _____.

2. Our relationships reveal our need for a _____.

Community Group Discussion:

1. This morning’s message from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount was entitled, “*The Danger of Judging Others, and Not Judging Others.*” Take time as a group to re-read Matthew 7:1-6. What’s the first thing that comes to mind when you hear this passage read?

2. In verse 1 Jesus prohibits *judging*. What does it mean to “judge” someone in this context? Why does Jesus say a disciple is not supposed to judge others?

3. What is going to happen to us, according to verse 2? What are some practical benefits of remembering this?

4. Jesus talks about a “speck” and a “log” in verses 3 & 4. What’s the point of Jesus illustration? Some use this passage to support the notion, “You mind your own business and I’ll mind mine!” Is it ever right to talk to someone else about a problem we perceive in his or her life, and if so, when and how?

5. In verse 5 Jesus says to “take the log out of your own eye.” In practical terms, how do we do that? Perhaps share a personal example of what this looks like.

6. What does Jesus’ command in verse 6 mean? How does it relate to verses 1-5? What are some practical implications for our lives this week?