

Week 2: Who are you to Judge

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-5

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

Matthew 7:1-2

3 really simple practices when seeking to understand scripture:

1. Need to understand the context
2. Interpret scripture with other scripture.
3. Apply what we learn.

4 different things that scripture clearly says about judging.

1. Never judge _____.
 - John 7:24
2. Never judge _____.
 - Romans 2:102
3. We aren't called to _____ non-Christians to Christian _____.
 - 1 Corinthians 5:12
4. Always help _____ fallen believers. .
 - Galatians 6:1-2

“Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life.”

1 Timothy 1:15-16

Start talking.

- Who's your favorite reality TV judge? What would it be like for you to be judged by them?
- What is one of the first times you remember being judged? How did it make you feel?

Start thinking.

- Describe a time when you judged someone superficially. Why do you think it's so easy to do?
- Why are superficial judgments harmful to relationships?
- How would you define a hypocrite? How do you think people become hypocritical?

Start sharing.

- What are the situations in your life where you feel most judged? When are you most judgmental of others?
- Which of Pastor Troy's four points are most difficult for you to live out? Why?
- Do you ever have standards for others that you struggle to meet yourself? If so, what's another alternative?
- Do you lean more toward grace or truth? How is God using this teaching to help you grow?
- Read Galatians 6:1-2. Discuss the type of relationship that would be necessary for this kind of restoration.

Start praying. Be bold and pray with power.

Jesus, if anyone has the right to judge, it's You. Yet You came to save the world, not to condemn it. As we become more like You, will You teach us to restore the people around us, not to destroy them? Thank You for Your grace to save us. Amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.

- What changes can you make to lead with grace before truth, especially in your relationships with people who don't follow Jesus?
- Are there people you need to help gently restore? What is your next step to come alongside their recovery?