



Sermon-based small groups connect the week to the weekend!

Dig deeper into the talk each week, while getting connected, cared for, and known. Challenge yourself to see how the message actually makes sense and applies to your everyday life and do it with people just like you to support you on your journey.

Message Info: #Judgemuch, 7/4/2021- The next message in our #BLESSED series focuses on the clarification Jesus provides for us on judging others. The two main points and steps that we need to focus on are humility and accountability. Jesus tells us that we have a plank in our own eye, so we need to humble ourselves and deal with the sin in our lives. After this, we can then help our fellow believers in removing the speck from their eyes, and this is through loving accountability. *(Passages: Matthew 7:1-6, Luke 18:9-14, James 1:19-27, Proverbs 27:17, Matthew 10:1-15)*

Discussion Questions: Take your time and dig into these questions.

Can you think of a specific time where you were extremely judgmental of someone? How did that result for you? What about a time where someone was extremely judgmental of you? How did that feel?

Read Matthew 7:1-6. What sticks out to you in this passage? What questions do you have about this passage?

Read Luke 18:9-14. The Pharisee in this parable was playing the comparison game. Can you name a time where you have played the comparison game, and compared your life to everybody else's? Why is it so easy to fall into this trap?

Why can it be hard to admit our own sin and struggles? Are you willing to share what your own struggles are with this group? How can we make a change in our lives to become better disciples of Jesus and "remove the plank from our eye?"

Read Proverbs 27:17. What is special about this verse in terms of holding one another accountable and helping each other?

How can you display accountability in your own life? Who is someone that can keep you accountable for your actions?

Regarding what Matthew 7:6 says, what can be hard about "shaking the dust off our feet" in terms of when we try to help others? (Read Matthew 10:1-15 as a reference)

Group Challenge: Discover someone who can hold you accountable for your actions, and someone you can sharpen and hold accountable.