

June 18, 2023 – Small Groups

Matthew 7:1-5; 12 “Do not judge”

In chapter 7 Jesus turns to our relationships, beginning to build to a central principle that is meant to guide all of our relationships. “Whatever you wish that others would do to you do also to them”.

Read Matthew 7:1-5;12

1. (vs. 1) In Greek the word to judge can mean i) to discern or evaluate ii) to judge in a court of law iii) to be judgmental, censorious. From what we have read already in the sermon on the mount what meaning of the word do you think Jesus is using here? What are some practical examples of this in our lives and in our world?
2. (vs. 1-4) Jesus is so desirous of change in this area that he speaks decisively to our hearts. Which of Jesus’ words impacts you the most? Why?
3. (vs. 5) What is Jesus encouraging his followers to do within the community of believers in this verse? What would it look like practically to “take the log out of our own eye”?
4. (vs. 12) How does our passage (vs. 1-5) illustrate this principle in action?
5. How does the gospel shape our hearts to speak the truth in love to one another?