

Sermon Discussion Guide
Summer on the Mount – Week 7
Don't Judge
August 22, 2021



Big Idea

While Christians are called to hold other believers accountable, we should love those who have worldly beliefs rather than judge them.



Icebreaker

What is one thing (food, movie, activity, etc.) you thought you wouldn't like but ended up really enjoying after you tried it?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **John 7:24**. Why are we inclined to judge people by how they look? Do you think it's possible to get an accurate read on someone based on appearance?
2. Read **Matthew 7:3-5**. What are the dangers of hypocrisy? Do you think the stereotype of Christians being hypocrites is accurate?
3. Read **Matthew 7:15-20**. We are called to judge the actions of other Christians based on the fruit they bare. What can happen if we don't? Why do we tend to shy away from this?
4. Read **Matthew 18:15-20**. How do we correct others' sin in a kind and loving manner? Has another believer ever talked to you about your sin? What was the result?
5. Read **Ephesians 4:14-16**. Speaking truth in love leads to Christian maturity. How has this community group matured your faith? How can you be more intentional in your discussions?



Concluding Questions

Read **Matthew 6:33**. Those who do not appreciate that which is holy should not have it forced upon them. How can we as a church be a source of love to the world rather than judgment? How can you personally extend grace to the non-Christians in your life who need it?



Application

1. What do you think the Holy Spirit may be saying to you through this sermon and our discussion?
2. What is something God wants you to do now?
3. Is there a way we can help each other apply what God is showing us?



Prayer

Possible prayer topics for this week:

- Addressing our own sin first
- Extending grace and love to non-believers
- Speaking truth in love to other Christians
- Afghanistan & Haiti