Jesus says...

WEEK 10 | JUDGING OTHERS | MATTHEW 7:1-12

Inspection – "What does it say?"

What happens to the person who judges? What kind of faults do we tend to notice in the lives of others? When is it okay to help someone remove the speck from his/her eye? What three commands did Jesus give in verse 7 regarding prayer? What is God seen as in verse 11, and how are we categorized in the same verse?

Observation – "What does it mean?"

Is it judging when we discern between good and evil? Read Isaiah 14:12-14. What sin caused Satan to fall from heaven? How is this sin connected to judging others? Who do the dogs and pigs represent in verse 6? What are the pearls? What kind of gifts does God give to those who ask? What is the difference between verse 12 and the phrase: "What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others."

Life Application – "What does it mean for me?"

Consider if you measure out your love based on how you feel about a person. Ask a good friend if they ever sense a critical spirit in your attitude. Be open to change. Pray that God would reveal to you any plank that you may have in your eye. Consider what good things you are asking, seeking, and knocking for from God. Read James 3:1-12 daily this week and apply as needed.

Meditation – "What does God say?"

Romans 2:1-3	Romans 14:1-13	Romans 12:16-18	2 Corinthians 5:10
John 3:17	James 3:17	Hebrews 4:12	Ephesians 4:19

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

God the Judge

Psalm 75

We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks to You! We proclaim how great You are And tell of the wonderful things You have done. "I have set a time for judgment," says God, "And I will judge with fairness. Though every living creature trembles And the earth itself be shaken, I will keep its foundations firm. I tell the wicked not to be arrogant; I tell them to stop their boasting." Judgment does not come from the east or from the west, From the north or from the south: It is God who is the judge, Condemning some and acquitting others. The Lord holds a cup in His hand, Filled with the strong wine of His anger. He pours it out, and all the wicked drink it; They drink it down to the last drop. But I will never stop speaking of the God of Jacob Or singing praises to Him. He will break the power of the wicked, But the power of the righteous will be increased.

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