

## **TWISTED: PART 2 – DO NOT JUDGE**

**SUNDAY, JULY 24, 2022**

*Almost everyone has heard some variation of the phrase, “Do not judge or you, too will be judged.” In reality, almost everyone has probably used some variation of the phrase at some point along the way – and we usually use it when it benefits us or serves our purpose in some way. Though it’s something Jesus said, “Do not judge” is perhaps one of the most misused phrases. So, what did Jesus mean when he said it? What he actually meant just might surprise us – and cause us to approach things differently.*

### **READ MATTHEW 7:1-6 (JOHN 7:24)**

- How do you feel when other people judge you?
- What are some areas you feel it is appropriate (and maybe even necessary) for judging to occur?
- If you have ever been judged, how did it make you feel?
- Have you ever been judged by “mere appearances” wrongly? Have you ever judged someone else by “mere appearances” wrongly?
- How would you describe the difference between judging someone’s decisions/actions and the motives of their hearts?
- Would you say it is acceptable to judge someone’s decisions/actions as right/wrong, wise/unwise? Why or why not?
- Would you say it is acceptable to judge someone’s heart/motives? Why or why not?
- Why do you think it’s easier to see the speck in someone else’s eye than the plank in our own?
- What are some ways a plank in our own eyes keeps us from seeing clearly?
- Why is it important to approach removing the speck in another’s eye with love, grace and compassion?
- Why do you think judging is one of the top barrier for people about following Jesus? How can followers of Jesus reverse this trend?
- What next step will you take to “do not judge or you too will be judged”?

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