



A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of March 20, 2022

Judge Not, That You Not Be Judged

This week, Pastor Steve Shelby preached from [Matthew 7:1-5](#)

¹ Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

- What does it mean to “judge”?
- Is it **always wrong to sit in judgment**? Doesn't Jesus actually commend good judgement (i.e. [Luke 7:43](#))?
- What is **one way you've judged the heart of another** this past week. **Why? What did judging do for you?**
- According to Jesus, **what spiritual peril are we in** when we judge others (1-2)? Why might we be **unfit to serve as judge** (3-4)?
- What **process and perspective** is necessary if we are **truly able to conflict with our brother** (5)?
- The apostle Paul connects current restraint in judgment to the Lord's Judgment Day ([1 Corinthians 4:4](#)). **If you believe we all will stand before our Judge**, how does that **affect the way you deal with others who offend you?**
- Remember that **the One teaching here promises to return to judge the living and the dead**. Yet, He submitted to the divine punishment we are due for our hypocrisy, loveless pride, and blind arrogance. The only Righteous One was judged in our place, and He will be our sole plea on Judgment Day. How does this **Good News free you from judging others and help you attend to the log in your own eye?** How does this **Gospel change the way you address the speck in your brother's eye?**
- **Repent and pray together** in light of this week's passage.