

Judging Others

Scripture: **Luke 6:37-42**

Series: **The Gospel of Luke**

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Overview

This passage contains the well-known instruction of Jesus in regards to judging others. Within the context of the passage, it is clear that some types of judgement (merciful, constructive) are appropriate and commanded, while other forms of judgement (self-righteous, condemning) are strictly forbidden. The teaching can be summarized as **“Christians must judge others justly and compassionately—only after they have judged themselves.”** The sermon was broken down into three major points: the call to judge justly; the call to judge compassionately; and the call to judge yourself first.

Corroborating Texts

John 7:24

Discussion Questions

1. What does Jesus mean by “judge”? In what way does this relate to last week’s message about fruitfulness?
2. What does sinful “judging” look like in our lives? In our community? In our culture?
3. Why is so easy for us to judge hypocritically? What does this reveal about our hearts? How does it link to gossip?
4. What does it mean to “judge justly”? What is the only appropriate standard for the evaluation of others?
5. How do we balance compassion and mercy with a passion for justice in our dealings with others? How does the gospel guide and empower us in this activity?
6. Why is regular self judgement and repentance a prerequisite for counseling others? How does the speck / log parable help us understand this?