

TGBL – Part 11

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“Do not judge others,
and you will not be judged”
Matthew 7:1**

2017 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

The Good and Beautiful Life Part 11

Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read Matthew 7:1-5

2: Read Romans 3:23

3: Read Romans 8:1

4: Read Ephesians 4:29

5: Read John 3:30

6: Read Romans 14:17

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. Matthew 7:1 says “Do not judge others, and you will not be judged.” Have you ever experienced the judgement of others? Have you ever judged others?
2. Is there a difference between judging and evaluating?
3. Pastor Steve said, “The judgement Jesus is talking about(Matt.7) is not the same as evaluation. Where evaluation is supposed to be laced with encouragement, judgement is always laced with condemnation.” What would be an example of words used to encourage vs to condemn someone?
4. Criticizing & condemning the character and value of a person is unauthorized judging. However, gauging & inspiring the traits of Christ-likeness is the mission of every Christian that begins with self. That said, is it what we say or how we say it that makes a difference? Read Ephesians 4:29.
5. What type of reactions can one have when they are being judged by others?
6. How is Romans 8:1 the truth that sets Christians free of another person's judgement?
7. Pastor Steve said, “When you sit around with others or privately in your own mind and judge the character and value of another person, you're taking God's place.” How can Romans 3:23 help you jolt your judgement and see your own log as in Matt. 7:1,4-5?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

Good and Beautiful life – God calls us to is not in judgement of others but in loving Him

- *You can't love God if you are judging others.*
- *Judging the character and value of others puts us as god of our lives. Forgiving others puts God in His rightful place*
- *Extending grace to others allowing Romans 3:23 to guard your judgement as you recognize we all fall short*
- *Romans 8:1 is the truth to hold when someone is judging you.*
- *If God is not condemning you because Jesus was judged on our behalf, don't allow others to move your life in ways of feeling unacceptable or condemned.*
- *If you believe you are acceptable to God even with your shortcomings, don't be preoccupied with the judgement of others. Being in-Christ is not cockiness and not carelessness but godly confidence to love yourself and others.*