

Judging Others - Matthew 7:1-6

Topics: Church, Criticism, Faults, Hypocrisy, Judgment, Mercy, Opinions, Pride, Relationships, Wisdom, Words

Open It

- * 1. What are your pet peeves (at work, home, or in your community)?
- 2. What kinds of things do people criticize you for most commonly?
- 3. How do you tend to respond when someone calls you on the carpet or corrects you?
- 4. What would your friends say is your biggest fault?

Explore It

- 5. What happens to those who are judgmental or critical? (7:1)
- 6. In what way will we be judged? (7:2)
- * 7. By what measure will we be judged? (7:2)
- 8. What kind of faults do we notice in others? (7:3)
- 9. How did Jesus illustrate the foolishness of the way we find fault with others? (7:3)
- 10. What figure of speech did Jesus use to illustrate how blind we are to the shortcomings in our own lives? (7:4)
- * 11. What did Jesus call those who ignore their own imperfections and focus on the flaws of others? Why? (7:5)
- 12. When is it good to confront others with their faults? (7:5)
- * 13. Why is it necessary to deal with one's own sins first? (7:5)
- 14. What are we not to do with sacred things? Why? (7:6)
- 15. What may happen if we disregard Jesus' warning? (7:6)

Get It

- * 16. When, if ever, should we criticize or judge someone else?
- 17. What sacred or valuable things should we withhold from people who have no concern for God?
- 18. Why is it that the traits of others that irritate us most are often the very faults that are present in our own lives?
- 19. What happened the last time you criticized someone else or judged another's actions?
- 20. What causes us to become critical, judgmental people?
- * 21. How can we become more merciful and nonjudgmental?
- 22. What faults block your spiritual vision?

Apply It

- * 23. How can you begin this week to get in the habit of examining your own life before you start criticizing others?
- 24. What fault of your own can you focus attention on this week?