



### Where did this dumb thing come from?

“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye. Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”

Matthew 7:1-6

### Tolerance

It used to mean: the \_\_\_\_\_ to be \_\_\_\_\_

Today it means: \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_

### What does it mean to “judge”?

1. To \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

2. To \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_

### Memory Verse

“Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment.”  
John 7:24

Christians Should Never Judge

### Dangers Of Judging Wrongly

1. You’re not the \_\_\_\_\_

2. Judgement is a \_\_\_\_\_

3. It’s \_\_\_\_\_

### How To Judge Rightly

1. Judge \_\_\_\_\_

2. Judge \_\_\_\_\_

3. Judge \_\_\_\_\_

### MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Memorize John 7:24
- Accept Jesus Christ as my Lord for the 1st time
- Ask God to show me areas where I’ve been judging wrongly
- Ask God to help me to judge carefully, biblically and humbly
- Get the most out of today’s message by attending my Life Group this week.





## Discussion Questions - Week #4

# LIFE GROUPS

### QUICK REVIEW

Thinking back to the sermon this weekend, "Christians Should Never Judge" summarize the main point in a sentence or two.

Was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

Is there any practical step you plan on taking this week in response to the message?

### GETTING STARTED

- According to Barna research, judgmental is one of the most common characteristics younger non-believers used to describe Christians. Where do you think that perception comes from? Do you think it's accurate?

- What's the first time you ever remember being judged? How did you feel?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. In 1 Corinthians 5:9-12, Paul gives a clear distinction for judgment between believers and non-believers. How should our judgment of believers look different from that of non-believers?

What might it look like if believers applied this truth in real life?

What happens when you try to hold a non-believer to a standard they are not aware of or subject to?

How should you approach a person outside the faith? (hint: read 1 Peter 3:13-17)

In light of Paul's words, do you think American Christians should expect our culture to abide by a moral code? Why or why not?

2. Read Matthew 7:1-5. How have you seen verse 1 misused or misapplied?

Why do you think it's often difficult to identify the plank in our own eyes yet so easy to identify the speck in the eye of another?

What do you think is the payoff of judging – assuming there is one?

What do you think it looks like to judge someone rightly?

How do you generally respond when someone attempts to take the speck out of your eye?

Do you think there is any grace in the experience of judgment? If so, how?

### TAKING IT HOME

- ☞ Make a list of 1-3 people that you give permission to speak freely into your life about planks, specks, and anything in between. Then, make sure they're 100% clear that they have that permission!

- ☞ How can the group be praying for you to let go of a judgmental attitude toward a specific person or group of people?

### PRAYER REQUESTS