

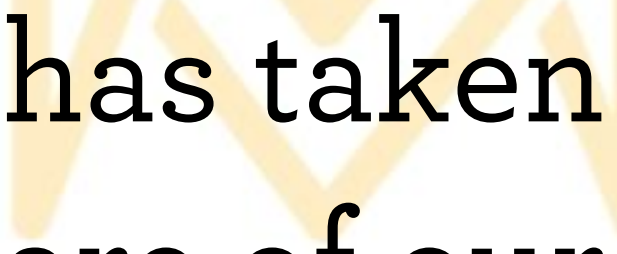


Answer the King: *Humility: Why Do You See the Speck?*

Discussion Questions

Date: November 10, 2019 | **Scripture:** Matthew 7:1-6

1. Read Matthew 7:1-6. What stands out to you?
2. One of the most common criticisms leveled against Christians is that they are too judgmental. Have you seen that to be true? What gives Christians a bad reputation in this area?
3. Jesus' command not to judge is easy to understand but hard to apply. Would you consider yourself to be a judgmental person? Why or why not? In what ways do you catch yourself passing judgment on others? (Leaders—recall the 5 ways from the sermon: thinking your way is *the way*, being proud of your critical thinking, assuming expertise in one area means expertise everywhere, being too passionate about trivial things, and rejoicing in the downfall of others.)
4. *Why* does Jesus tell us not to judge others (v. 2-4)? How does remembering that we are also people under judgment help us be kind and gracious to others?
5. Jesus says the first step in becoming a gracious person is to take the log out of your own eye. Has there been a situation where you noticed a blindspot in your character or spiritual life that needed to be addressed? What was that situation like, and what did you learn from it?
6. Jesus says the second step in becoming a gracious person is to help others with the speck in their eye. Has there been a situation where you came alongside another person to help them overcome sin and follow Jesus more faithfully? What happened?
7. How can our group become more gracious and fiercely committed to one another, so that no person wanders off?



Christ has taken
care of our
judgment problem,
and now he calls us
to live a new life,
characterized by
grace towards
others.