



You've heard it before: "Christians should never judge." But is that really true? The Bible actually says that Christians must judge—first ourselves, and then other believers—to help our lives and relationships flourish.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Knowing someone's story helps us see why they act the way they do. Share a time when you made a judgement but later realized you hadn't known the full story. How did you feel after learning their story?
2. **Read Matthew 7:1-6.** What kind of mercy scale do you tend to use on others? Does it line up with the same scale you want God to use on you?
3. Pastor Bob talked about how most of us have a plank in our eye that we're swinging around while criticizing the sawdust in other people's eyes. What areas in your life might be acting as a plank? What steps can you take this week to start removing that plank?
4. One of the most courageous things you'll ever do is confront another believer who is involved with some sort of sin. How can you intervene in those situations in a way that is out of love *and* truth?

## CHALLENGE

Pray and examine your heart. Have you been passing judgement that wasn't yours to pass? Is there sin in your own life that you need to ask God to help you overcome? Write your reflections down and take action on them this week.

## COMMIT TO MEMORY

First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye. **Matthew 7:5**