

The Sermon on the Mount

Matthew 7:1-12: Some Practical Advice for Believers

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1. Your average Sunday morning worship gathering is made up of Christians and... Pharisees. True OR False
2. The Greek word for "judge" is the word "krino" – "to set apart so as to distinguish, separate" - then by extension – "to select" – "to pass judgment on."
3. "Don't be 'judgy' – like the Pharisees – Who...
 - a. judged themselves as spiritually superior
 - b. and judged others for not being like them
 - c. who tore people down vs. building them up
4. What and How should we make assessments?
 - a. We shouldn't judge others *like* the Pharisees saw themselves and judged others.
 - b. There is a mature process for making judgment calls.
5. Have you ever said to yourself, "Well – I think I'm a pretty moral person. At least I'm not like so and so?" That's the heart and mind of a Pharisee, actually (Lk. 18:9-14).
6. Do you ever apply ethics to other people rather than yourself? Like - Have you ever heard a sermon and thought, "Boy, I wished so and so was here to hear this – he could sure use it!"
7. Have you ever gotten righteously indignant over someone else's sin?
8. Are there times when we shouldn't say anything?
9. What binds this seemingly fragmented passage together? Could it be that Jesus is sharing images of venturing out in pursuit of something within the context of venturing with God? Like friends?
10. How are your conversations going...
 - a. With God?
 - b. With others?
11. Have you paused a moment to listen to God's answers?