



(Not) Judging Others Luke 6:37-42

Something to Start Us Off

- Think back on a time when you felt unfairly judged or criticized by someone else. Without going into more detail than necessary, describe that experience.

Something to Notice

- This passage deals with somewhat more than the *judging others* idea. What other topics does Jesus cover here?
- What big principle does Jesus state in v.38?

Something to Understand

In Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, there is a similar passage. Read Matthew 7:1-6 to see the similarities.

For other verses that relate to this passage, see Romans 2:1, James 4:11 and James 5:9.

- Sometimes this principle of "judge not" can be misapplied in a way that prevents all moral discernment. How do we know that is in fact a different kind of error?
- Misapplication aside, why do you suppose so many of us fall into the trap of pointing fingers or feeling a need to criticize when that is truly unhelpful?
- What do you think Jesus means by the speck and the log in people's eyes?
- In what ways can verses 41-42 relate back to verses 39-40?

Something to Take Home

- When are you most prone to being overly critical of others? What can you do to prevent yourself from falling into that habit?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 6:37-42 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?