

****Ice Breaker****

Have you ever been judged unfairly? How did it feel, and how did you respond?

****Sermon Main Passage for Group to Read****

Luke 6:37-42; Romans 2:14

****1. Cancel Condemnation****

Luke 6:37 Judge not, and you will not be judged...

- What is the difference between judging and discerning? How can you tell the difference?
- Why do you think Christians struggle so often with being seen as judgmental?
- How do Jesus' words challenge your own heart and reactions when others fall?

****Call to Action:****

This week, every time you're tempted to criticize someone, stop and pray for them instead.

****2. Blind Judgment Leads to Destruction****

Luke 6:39 Can a blind man lead a blind man?

- In what ways have we, like the disciples or Pharisees, been blind to our own spiritual condition?
- How can recognizing our own blindness increase our empathy toward others?
- How does spiritual blindness impact your ability to lead or encourage others?

****Call to Action:****

Ask God each morning this week to help you see your own heart clearly before you assess others.

****3. Hypocrisy with a Halo****

Romans 2:1 You have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges...

- What does hypocrisy with a halo look like in the modern church?
- Why is it so dangerous to compare our victories to someone else's struggles?
- How do truth and compassion work together in bringing someone to repentance?

****Call to Action:****

Take 10 minutes this week to reflect on how God's kindness not guilt has changed you, and thank Him.

****4. Jesus Didn't Throw Stones****

John 8:7-11 Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone...

- What do you think the woman caught in adultery felt in that moment and what do you think she felt afterward?
- How does Jesus demonstrate both truth and grace in this story?
- What stones have you held in your heart toward others lately?

****Call to Action:****

Write down one person or group you've condemned in your heart, and ask God to replace that judgment with grace.

****5. Remove the Log First****

Luke 6:41-42 Why do you see the speck... but do not notice the log...?

- Why is it easier to point out someone else's flaws than confront our own?
- What does it mean to lead others with humility instead of superiority?
- How does awareness of your own need for grace change the way you see others?

****Call to Action:****

During your prayer time, ask God to show you any log in your life and then confess it before Him.

****Theology for the Leader****

****1. Grace doesn't excuse sin; it empowers repentance.****

Jesus didn't ignore the woman's sin; He bore its shame. Real grace addresses sin without condemnation.

****2. Self-righteousness blinds us to our need for grace.****

Like the Pharisees and judgmental disciples, we risk missing God's heart when we view ourselves as better than others.