

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Matthew 7:1-6

Date: February 6, 2022 **Series:** Jesus' Most Famous Sermon

Message: Making Sense of Judgment **Scripture:** Matthew 7:1-6

The prerequisite to judgment: _____

The goal of judgment: _____

When to stop judging: _____

The shock of Jesus' judgment: _____

1. When have you felt like you needed to pass judgment on wrongdoing but questioned if you should?
2. Have you ever felt justified when you hated, excluded, or embarrassed someone or some group? Who was it? What made you feel like you had permission to hate, exclude, or embarrass?
3. Have you ever judged someone without feeling superior to that person? When?
4. Do you feel like other people have bigger issues to work on than you? Or vice versa? Why?
5. What are the influences in your life that tend to make you more judgmental? Certain shows? Friends? Websites?
6. What are the influences in your life that tend to make you more compassionate?
7. When have you realized your efforts to help someone were in vain (you were throwing your pearls before pigs) and you needed to stop trying? How did you know?
8. What are the potential risks if we continue to try to help someone who refuses to change?
9. Is there a point when Jesus stops correcting us? When?