



People

April 15, 2018

Scripture Text

Romans 12:18; Matthew 7:1-5; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Galatians 6:1-5

Connect

What did God teach you during the message this weekend? Did anything in particular stand out? Why?

Think of the “difficult” people in your life. What makes them difficult for you?

Is it ever OK to judge someone else? If so, when is it OK and when is it not OK?

Engage

Read Matthew 7:1-5

There are 2 different definitions of judgement: 1) the ability to make considered decisions or come to sensible conclusions and 2) a negative assessment of another person based on a superficial sense of superiority. Based on these two definitions, is it ever ok to judge? What type of judgment is Jesus calling for here?

Have you ever made a snap judgment about someone? How did it turn out? What can you do to avoid making hasty decisions about people?

Who is Jesus calling us to judge first? Why? If there is a “log” in your eye, how would it affect your vision?

How do you know you’re ready to take the speck out of your brother or sister’s eye? What’s your motivation for confronting people? Is it the right motivation?

Consider the way you treat people and the way people treat you. Does it align with Jesus’ teaching in Matthew 7? How should you respond to those with whom you don’t agree?

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17

What standard should we use to judge ourselves and others? What are the steps outlined here? How should you apply them to your own life? To others?

Read Galatians 6:1-5

What is our responsibility for removing the “speck” from someone else’s eye? How are we to do it? What is the goal?

What are the cautions given in verses 2 and 4? In what ways might we be tempted to sin in that situation? In what way are we to carry each other’s load? In what way are we to carry our own?

Apply

What do you need to change in your life, actions or attitudes, with regard to the “difficult” people in your life?

Is there anyone in your life that you need to apologize to, ask forgiveness of or be reconciled to? What steps can you take this week to begin that process?