

Extraordinary

Part 27: Judging

Matthew 7:1-5

Launch

Who is your favorite US President and why is it Millard Fillmore?

Explore

Read the passages

Why do people so often quote Jesus' line "Do not judge"? How do they typically misapply or misinterpret this command?

Discuss the following quote. Do you agree or disagree? Why?

"You can't love and judge at the same time. It's impossible to ascribe unsurpassing worth to others when you're using others to ascribe worth to yourself." Greg Boyd

Jesus calls us to self-awareness rather than self-righteousness. Why is it so easy to see others' faults and so difficult to see our own?

Apply

How can you tell when you've crossed from discernment into condemnation?

In what situations are you tempted to condemn and devalue people?

How would our lives look different if we obeyed Jesus' command to not condemn? Our relationships with non-Christians, our reputation, our witness?

Pray

Pray that we would exercise discernment without condemnation. Pray that we would engage others with wisdom and humility.