



Small Group Conversation Guide

Lent 2023

Small Group Lesson: Week 1

Message: Am I the Problem? Thou Shalt Not Judge

Main Idea: The Church and followers of Jesus are called to be the least judgmental people on the planet.

Main Scripture: Matthew 7:1-2

Group Check In: What are you most looking forward to as Spring approaches?

Prayer

Connect: Thus far, what is your key take away from our study of the Sermon on the Mount?

Video (13 minutes)

In the Word:

1. Matthew 7:1-2

Why is this passage so vitally important to our relationships?

How does our adherence, or lack thereof, to this straight forward command affect our relationship with God?

2. John 3:17

If this is Jesus' mission, what is the Church's mission?

3. Romans 8:1

How secure are you in God's opinion and judgment of you?

Application:

1. Evaluate yourself when it comes to judging others. How consistent is it with what Jesus asks his followers to do?
2. What is your next action step when it comes to "thou shalt not judge"?

Prayer:

Pray together asking God to help each person live a life of such vitality in the reality of God's Kingdom that we are so saturated with the mercy of God that sin ceases to be fun, that we become an oasis of acceptance in our condemning world and that we can practice gentle non-cooperation with evil by offering love rather than judgment.