

Small Group Conversation Guide

Lent 2023

Small Group Lesson: Week 2

Message: Am I the Problem? The Plank

Main Idea: I can't see the problem in my relationships is me.

Main Scripture: Matthew 7:1-2

Group Check In: Where did you see the hand of God at work last week?

Prayer

Connect: When someone you know starts to Judge or complain about someone else you know, how do you react inside and how do you respond?

Video 7 Minutes

In the Word:

1. Genesis 1:27-28

- In modern day language, what responsibilities did God give to humans?

2. Genesis 2:17; 3:11-12/I Peter 2:23-24

- Compare Jesus' response to the mob with Adam's response to God.

3. Matthew 7:3-5

- What is Jesus' remedy for our tendency to blame others?

Application:

1. What are "the specks" in others that distract you from focusing on your own plank?
2. What is "the plank" in your own eye?
3. What is your next step in resolving this problem?

Prayer Read together Psalm 19, pausing after reading verse 12 for a moment of silence or for each person to invite the Holy Spirit to help better discern where and how you are the problem. Close by reading together verses 13-14.