



PART 1: JUDGMENT CALL

INTRODUCTION

What should we do when our current reality feels harder, more exhausting, and less fulfilling than we imagined? Jesus teaches truths that can help us find purpose in our lives as they are right now. If we put these truths into practice they will allow us to live more meaningful lives, find value in our present reality, and create a more hopeful future. So what should we do? The next right thing.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 7:1-5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Did you grow up going to church or avoiding church?
2. Describe a time when you've sat in the "judgmental chair."
3. Describe a time when you've sat in the "judged chair." How did it make you feel to be judged?
4. What is the difference between confronting somebody from a posture of humility motivated by love and confronting somebody from a posture of superiority motivated by condemnation?
5. Think of a person it's been easy for you to judge. How can you make an effort to hear and understand their story more?
6. Read Matthew 7:4. What plank have you avoided in the past or are you avoiding now? What will you do today to take that plank out of your own eye?
7. What can you do and say differently to confront somebody else (after removing your own plank) from a posture of humility motivated by love?

Application Prayer: Jesus, before I comment on or confront anyone's sin, help me remove the plank of self-righteousness and condemnation in me. Help me to judge unto others as you judge unto me.