



Message Reflections

November 12, 2023

"Do not judge others, and you will not be judged."

- Jesus (Matthew 7:1)

"Judging a person doesn't define who they are. It defines who **YOU** are."

- Unknown

Read Matthew 7:1-6, Luke 6:37-38, and James 4:11-12.

According to these passages, your judgement of others reveals more about you than other's judgment of you. In essence, Jesus is saying, "Judge at your own risk."

- How is your spirit toward other people and their faults? Are you loving people or judging people?
- What makes it hard for you to see the sinful contribution you might have made to a relational conflict?

Our world is a criticizing world. You cannot escape it. Yet, as followers of Jesus we are to live and speak differently than the world. As you reflect on this, also consider Jesus' words in Luke 7:47, Luke 11:4, and Matthew 18:23-35.

- What does your forgiveness of others indicate about your understanding of the forgiveness you have received from God?

Pray, asking the Holy Spirit to examine your heart and relationships. Is there anyone in your life that you are currently being judgmental toward? If so, seek that person out to both apologize and ask their forgiveness.