

# **WEEK 4 - DO NOT JUDGE OTHERS**

## **OVERVIEW**

As we continue in the passage, Jesus begins to get practical about what this others-focused love looks like by turning the mirror back towards ourselves. If we want to love our enemies with non-judgmental compassion like the Father, we must first recognize our own shortcomings and brokenness and how deeply we have been transformed by his grace. The humility that comes from an acknowledgment of our own hypocrisy and sin is the key to offering grace towards others who do not measure up either, especially when those 'others' are ones the world says we should hate.

First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

Luke 6:42

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. Who were Jesus' enemies?
- 2. Read Luke 6:37-42.
  - a. What did Tim mean when he said Jesus was referring to "using the same scoop" in these verses?
  - b. What types of judgments did people in ancient Israel deal with? Do we think of "judgments" differently today? Why or why not?
  - c. How is Jesus foreshadowing God's final judgment in this passage?
  - d. What is the difference between "judging" and "discerning"?
  - e. Describe verse 42 in your own words what does this mean?
  - f. What are some of the different logs or "beams", as Tim called them, that could be in someone's eye and make it hard to see?
- **3.** Have you ever been in a situation where someone's judgment of you impacted your life? Share your story.
- 4. What types of questions do you need to ask yourself to ensure there isn't a beam in your own eye?

#### **PRAY**

## Psalm 139:1-4, 23-24

- O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me.
- 2 You know when I sit down or stand up.
  You know my thoughts even when I'm far away.
- 3 You see me when I travel and when I rest at home. You know everything I do.
- 4 You know what I am going to say even before I say it, Lord.

- 23 Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- 24 Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.