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In It Together
Luke 6:37-49
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

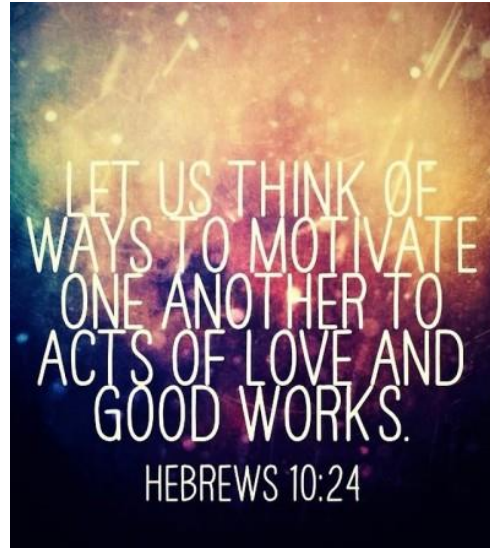
What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we will finish Luke chapter 6 with the last part of Jesus' teaching on the plain. The section starts with a command not to judge others. Jesus gives a clear warning that the blind cannot lead the blind and that you must remove the beam that is in your eye so that you can see clearly to remove what is in your brother's eye. Often in our society we hear people defend their action by saying don't judge me. At the same time the church is instructed to teach the truth of Scripture. There is a balance to be found when it comes to teaching the commandments of Jesus and making people feel judged by a fellow sinner. Join us this week as we talk about how we can pursue Christ together and spur each other on to good works.



Luke 6:37-49 NET

Do Not Judge Others

37 “Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. **38** Give, and it will be given to you: A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be poured into your lap. For the measure you use will be the measure you receive.”

39 He also told them a parable: “Someone who is blind cannot lead another who is blind, can he? Won’t they both fall into a pit? **40** A disciple is not greater than his teacher, but everyone when fully trained will be like his teacher. **41** Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye, but fail to see the beam of wood in your own? **42** How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me remove the speck from your eye,’ while you yourself don’t see the beam in your own? You hypocrite! First remove the beam from your own eye, and then you can see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

43 “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, **44** for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from brambles. **45** The good person out of the good treasury of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasury produces evil, for his mouth speaks from what fills his heart.

46 “Why do you call me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and don’t do what I tell you?”

47 “Everyone who comes to me and listens to my words and puts them into practice—I will show you what he is like: **48** He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on bedrock. When a flood came, the river burst against that house but could not shake it because it had been well built. **49** But the person who hears and does not put my words into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against that house, it collapsed immediately and was utterly destroyed!”

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Is our forgiveness dependent on us forgiving others?

9. What does the parable about the blind leading the blind tell us?

10. What does the beam of wood in our eye represent?

11. What is good fruit versus bad fruit?

12. What is the difference between a good tree and a bad tree? Does this relate to salvation?

13. What does it mean to build your house on a firm foundation?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

14. How do we balance not judging and teaching right from wrong according to Scripture?

15. Considering the instruction to get the beam out of our own eye first; How can we who are sinners ever see clearly enough to disciple others?

16. Sometimes believers produce bad fruit. Does this make them a bad tree? How do we distinguish?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes