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## Eye Doctor Needed Matthew 7:1-6 Pastor Kirk Gambrell

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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

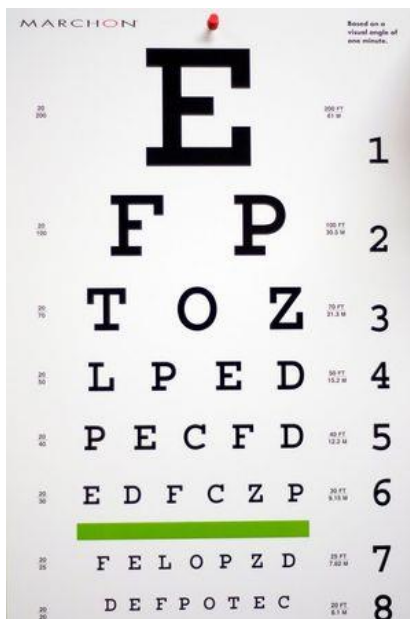
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

#### 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.

### Matthew 7:1-2

Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. For with whatever judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with whatever measure you measure, it will be measured to you.



Have you ever meet someone that felt like the church is too judgmental. Maybe they have quit going because of a bad experience. The reality is that many people in America feel this way. It may or may not be true but the stigma definitely exists. Many non-church goers feel that the church is judgmental. However, the church does have standards given by Jesus Christ. So how do we overcome the judgmental stigma without letting everyone do what is right in their own eyes? Join us this Sunday as we look at how Jesus addresses judgement in the Sermon on the Mount. How can we as a church help people overcome sin in their lives without being the terrible judgmental group that we are made out to be?

## **Matthew 7:1-6 New English Translation**

### **Do Not Judge**

**7** “Do not judge so that you will not be judged. <sup>2</sup>For by the standard you judge you will be judged, and the measure you use will be the measure you receive. <sup>3</sup>Why do you see the speck in your brother’s eye, but fail to see the beam of wood in your own? <sup>4</sup>Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me remove

the speck from your eye,’ while there is a beam in your own? <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>Do not give what is holy to dogs or throw your pearls before pigs; otherwise they will trample them under their feet and turn around and tear you to pieces.

### **🕯 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. Who judges those that judge?

9. What does the speck or beam in someone's eye represent?

10. What must be done before we help someone overcome their short fall?

11. Is it ever acceptable to point out the fault of another?

12. What does it mean to throw your pearls before pigs?

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

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. If we never judge anyone does that mean God will never judge us?

14. How should the church family correct people that are in sin? Should we deal with new believers differently than other believers?

15. Is it easier or harder to see sin in someone else if you struggle with the same sin?

16. Non-Christians often see the church as judgmental. How can we overcome that stereotype?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

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

SERMON NOTES