

RED LETTERS

THE QUESTIONS

WEEK 3: Why Worry About A Speck In Your Friend's Eye When You Have A Log In Your Own?

INTRODUCTION & OPENING QUESTION

In the Bible, wherever Jesus spoke, his words are highlighted in **RED**. Throughout this series, we are looking at some of the questions that Jesus asked of the people around him, and we will learn some life-changing truths from those red letters. This week we look at the question Jesus asked in Matthew 7, "Why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?"

Share a time in your life when you were wrongfully judged.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Instructions for the group meeting: Read each question out loud and give ample time for discussion. Then read through any Bible references for additional discussion and context. Close out the evening in prayer.

- 1) **This discussion is on Matthew 7:1-3. Read it out loud to the group before starting the questions.**
 - "Do not judge others, and you will not be judged. For you will be treated as you treat others. The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged. "And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own?"
- 2) **What stands out to you most from this question, Jesus asks? What is most challenging?**
- 3) **When you think about the times where you have been judged or found yourself judging someone else, what are some of the reasons for the judgment?**
- 4) **When you think about the three reasons we judge discussed in the message, is there one that you struggle with more than the others? If yes, why?**
 - "We judge others because we think we know the whole story."
 - "We judge others because we think it is our job."
 - "We judge others because we forget that we are broken, too."
- 5) **How does it make you feel to know that God knows your whole story and still loves you? 1 Kings 8:39**
- 6) **"Jesus is our defense attorney." When you think about your life, have you spent more time thinking God is the prosecutor or your defender? How does this change your perspective of Jesus? 1 John 2:1**
- 7) **Is there anything else that stood out to you from the message?**

Close in Prayer

TAKEAWAYS

Reflection Step

- Read & pray through Galatians 5:22-23 (The fruit of the Spirit). Ask God to help you grow in one specific fruit of the Spirit this week.

Action Step

- "The antidote to judgment is remembering." What is something you need to remind yourself about this week? Romans 3:23, Isaiah 53:6