



get started

How do people judge others? What are the measures that people use to judge others?

reflect

Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote in his book, *The Cost of Discipleship*, “By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are.” Do you agree or disagree? Why?

dig

Read Matthew 7:1-5. How would you describe the judging that Jesus is talking about? Why is he speaking so strongly?

What are we doing when we judge someone?

What are the motives?

When we read Matthew 7:15-20, Jesus does call His people to use discernment and judge truth from error.

How is this different from what he was talking about at the beginning of Matthew 7?

Read Galatians 6:1-2.

What is the motive behind correcting someone?

What is to be the goal?

breakout

By what measures do you judge people? Are they God-honoring or self-promoting? Are they restorative or divisive?

What can you do to change the way you see people?

Is there someone whom you have judged and you need to ask for his/her forgiveness? Pray that the Holy Spirit would open up your heart to take that step.