



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 02/22/2026
DISCUSSION DATE: 03/1/2026
TEXT: MATTHEW 7:1-6

NO HYPOCRITICAL JUDGMENT

I. COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS

II. COMMON OFFENDERS

III. DON'T JUDGE (v. 1)

A. Don't make vengeful judgments.

B. Don't make hasty judgments.

C. Don't judge on a faulty or false standard.

D. Don't make unjust and unmerciful judgments.

IV. DON'T BE A HYPOCRITICAL JUDGE (vv. 3-5)

V. FINAL WORDS ON THE MATTER TO DISCIPLES (vv. 6-7)

FOR CONFERENCING

1. **Read Matthew 7:1-6.** In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus summed up many truths related to what life and living is to be like for kingdom citizens. The beginning of His sermon started with the beatitudes, which was the underpinning for all that followed. He then directed followers on how to live and how not to live. What area or issue is the topic of chapter 7, verses 1-6? As He did throughout, He contrasted the views and ways of the Pharisees with how things ought to be. Who then was He addressing when He said, “Judge not?” How were the Pharisees judgmental? On what basis did they judge others?

2. This passage of scripture is one of the most misunderstood, misconstrued, and misapplied in all of the Bible today. How do we know that Jesus did not intend for His words to mean that believers should not make any kind of judgments? Can you think of areas where Jesus and the scriptures actually teach believers to make judgments? (Write as many as you can think of or find in the Bible.) (Hint: Among others look up passage like Matthew 18, Galatians 1, II Corinthians 11, Romans 16, Ephesians 4, II John 1)

3. Considering the overall context of Jesus’ sermon, who and what was Jesus addressing when He said, “Judge not.”?

4. **Read Matthew 7:2.** What do these words of Jesus mean?

5. **Read James 4:11-12 & Romans 2:1.** What do these verses forbid and why?

6. **Read Matthew 7:3-5.** What kind of judgment is condemned here, and what are we to consider before making judgments about other people?

7. **Read Matthew 7:6-7.** Verses 1-5 address hypocritical critics. Who is addressed in verses 6-7? What is the takeaway from the illustrations about dogs & hogs? (Hint: read also Mark 6:10-12)

8. What is the difference between making righteous judgment and being judgmental? What is the correlation between gossip and judgmentalism? How should gossip be addressed in the church?