



# UPSIDE DOWN

## JUDGE NOT! | MATTHEW 7:1-5

**WARNING: Don't \_\_\_\_\_ people!**

*"Judge not ..." v. 1a*

### WHY:

**1. Nitpicking is \_\_\_\_\_ to you.**

*"... that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you." vv. 1b-2*

**2. Nitpicking is \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite ..." vv. 3:5a*

**A BETTER WAY: \_\_\_\_\_ your flaw, then help \_\_\_\_\_ others.**

*"... first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye." v. 5b*



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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Under what circumstances are you most likely to be judgmental of others? What do others most commonly criticize about you?

### FOR THIS WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 7:2

*"For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you."*

#### JOURNAL:

Matthew 7:1-5

"When He said 'Do not judge' in Matthew 7:1. He didn't mean for us to be naïve and lack discernment. In fact, the Lord would soon warn His listeners to 'beware of the false prophets' (7:15), which requires discernment. Likewise, 1 John 4:1 says believers are to 'test the spirits to see whether they are from God.' This requires observation, weighing facts, and drawing conclusions. Jesus' warning in the Sermon on the Mount against hypocritically judging others doesn't mean we're to support false teachers blindly or neglect our responsibility to call out genuine deception or wickedness when we see it. In fact, local churches have a responsibility to 'judge' a so-called brother or sister who claims the name of Christ but is clearly engaged in unrepentant and ongoing sin (1 Cor 5:11-13). But the calm, careful, corporate discipline of a local church is very different from the labeling and judging that occurs between individuals who are fueled by hypocritical pride. What Jesus is condemning in the Sermon on the Mount is a judgmental, negative, haughty attitude that assesses others with a suspicious spirit. People who have such an attitude are always on the hunt for faults, mistakes, or imperfections in others."

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2. Read Matthew 7:1-5. How does Jesus turn the idea of judging others upside down? Why is it foolish to judge others?

3. When is it prudent to confront others with their faults? What does it look like to evaluate people and be wise about them without being judgmental?

4. Think back over the last week or two. When did you act or think in a judgmental way about someone else? Did you share those thoughts with someone else? What was the "log" in your eye at that time?

5. How can you get more into the habit of examining your own life before criticizing others? How can you focus on asking the Holy Spirit to help you be more compassionate and nonjudgmental?

### JOURNAL Matthew 7:1-5

Take some time to meditate on this passage. What is the Lord pointing out to you as you prayerfully consider His words? In what specific way can you actively seek to allow the Savior to change you?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!



### EASTER WEEKEND REMINDERS

In preparation for Easter, we have a few reminders for you. Tenebrae, which means "The Darkening," is a moving Good Friday service recounting Jesus' life and death through music, storytelling and communion. Join us this Friday, April 15 at 6 or 7:30 p.m. Easter services will be happening at a variety of times next Saturday and Sunday, April 16 and 17. To find service times, scan the QR code, go to [ccbcfamily.org/easter2022](http://ccbcfamily.org/easter2022) or visit the prayer wall in the Great Room after the service to grab Easter Reminders and Easter Inviter Cards.

**NAVIGATE 2022** Join us for conversations about truth, identity, tolerance and compassion amid the current cultural climate on Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. At this worldview conference led by national experts on faith and culture, you'll discover biblical answers to life's toughest questions. Be equipped to be a voice of hope and truth in a hurting world. Learn more at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**AVENEW WEEKEND** From dating and engaged to newly married, couples are welcome to our AVENEW weekend conference starting on Friday, May 13. You'll receive a biblical framework to model as you walk out the Lord's plan for your marriage. AVENEW weekend is a two-day conference-style event equivalent to twelve weeks of learning. Learn more or sign up at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

### ROCK N' ROLL INTO MUSICAMP THIS JULY!

Do your children love music and dance? Mark your calendars for July 11-15! They'll have a week full of dancing, singing and discovering the fun of making music that results in an entire musical by the end of the week. From the professional musicians and exceptional volunteers to the children in Grades 1-6, everyone will be tapping their feet to the beat. Learn more by going to [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**STUDENT SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES** This summer Student Ministries is filled with great opportunities to make lifelong memories and connect with God on a deeper level. For all incoming fall students Grades 6-8, come with MSM to Camp Eagle in the Texas Hill Country from June 3-6. Students in HSM will visit Camp Glorieta in New Mexico June 24-30. Learn more at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).



### LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT

**CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

**IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.

**GET UPDATES AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR WEEK.** Throughout the week, we like to post updates, events and encouragement on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. They're online communities we love and think you will too! Search @christchapelbiblechurch to find us and follow along.