

Matthew 7:1-12

¹“Do not judge, or you too will be judged. ²For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

³“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴How can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? ⁵You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

⁶“Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.

⁷“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ⁸For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹“Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? ¹¹If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

¹²So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Feb 11, 2018: How to Get Along (Mat 7:1-12)

The Problem of People

So far in Matthew 5-6, what has Jesus said about the world and our relationship with God? What has stood out to you?

In Chapter 7, Jesus addresses our relationships with others. What comes to mind when you hear of this topic? Do you feel tension, gladness, disappointment, hope?

Properly Relating to others (1-6, 12)

Can you think of a time when you were too judgmental? Why were you? What were the circumstances?

1-2 – Why can judging others be dangerous?

3-5 – What is necessary in order for us to judge others helpfully?

6 – When can wise judgment also be necessary for us?

12 – How does the Golden Rule say we should relate to others?

Properly Relating to God (7-11)

What can be the danger in viewing God only as a Judge?

What difference can it make to view God as a loving Father?

“People pass on what they’ve received.” Do you agree with this? Can you think of an example of a chain of negative behavior?

God’s love can turn your family tree upside down –

He makes you free from past sin, and able to pass on blessings.

Do you agree? Have you experienced or seen this?

One Father, One Family

Think of examples of the Four Loves – romantic, family, friendship, and God’s perfect love.

This week, let’s consider whether we’re living as God’s child:

- Are we believing that He is the judge, not you?

- Are we receiving the love of our heavenly Father?

- Does it show in how we treat your “siblings?”