

Foster City Campus – December 10, 2017



Making Judgments that are Golden - Dan Reid
Matthew 7: 1-12

1. Think of a time when you felt judged by someone else. What effect did that experience have on you?
2. Why are religious people (even Christians) susceptible to acting self-righteous?
3. What is the difference between making good judgments and being judgmental?
4. Why are we so good at seeing fault in others while not being able to see our own?
5. How have planks been revealed in your life? What are the steps to remove planks so one can see clearly to help others with their specks?
6. Why does Jesus give us this warning about people with hardened hearts in verse 6?
7. How are Jesus promises in verses 7-11 an encouragement to you? Why should persistence, faith, and alignment with God's Will shape our prayers?
8. What is it about the Golden Rule that makes it and variations of it so instinctively right to people?
9. Which of the four Golden Principles applies most to you? A) Not judging your brother or sister in Christ B) needing wisdom to deal with a person's hardened heart C) Practicing the Golden Rule D) Persistent, faithful, God aligned prayers for the relationships in your life.
10. What is your next step to better apply one of these principles? How can your group pray for you and hold you accountable to these principles?

South Campus – December 10, 2017



A Bad Judge, a Good Father, and a Golden Rule - Mark Mitchell
Matthew 7:1-12

1. Read the entire passage.
2. Starting with verse 12, how is the Golden Rule unique?
3. Explain Mark's comment that the Golden Rule required creativity and creates "endless possibilities."
4. Now go up and look at verses 1-6. How does the Golden Rule apply to judging others.
5. What is the difference between being discerning about right and wrong and being judgmental?
6. What is required for successful "speck removal" with others? Have you ever seen this done wrong or right? Explain.
7. Why does Jesus bring up prayer in verses 7-11? How does this relate to judging others?
8. How do verses 7-11 encourage you to pray? What about unanswered prayer?
9. What is one specific thing you can take with you this week and apply from your life from this passage?