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*"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you." He also told them a parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. 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? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye." Luke 6:37-42 ESV*

What are jobs where judging is important? (Take a couple of minutes and let people respond.)

Jesus Opens a Big Can of Worms (Read 6:37-39)

Don't do these things because they will be done to you.

What Jesus **isn't** saying - (Take some time to allow people to respond after each point.)

- karma is real (tit for tat, you'll get what's coming to you)
- Have no opinions of right and wrong
- Pay no mind to your emotions
- Live life blindly

What Jesus **is** Saying (Take some time to allow people to respond after each point.)

- Discern wisely, but don't be a judge (you don't pass the sentence)
- Weigh guilt, but don't be a jury (treat the guilty as guilty, but forgive) Read *1 John 1:9*
- Forgive generously and actively, but don't be a doormat
- Grow in maturity, but don't be blind

We can be blind to our own faults and become judges and bad forgivers.

Isn't interesting how we can easily point out faults and weaknesses in others and excuse those same kind of sins in our own lives? How might we change our tune on those things?

We are to become like our teacher and grow in maturity.

Read v. 40 - Jesus - you can be like me, but not me. (Satan used this ploy in the garden.)

We are not above our teacher. Grow in these areas of observation, discipleship and grace.

Instead of being judge and jury, our role is to grow into the likeness of our teacher, Jesus.

Read v. 41 - speck and log

Take the log out of your own eye and then you can see the speck in other's eye.

What are the differences in a log and a speck?

A log takes little expertise to remove – big heavy machinery throws those things around.

A speck takes much more care and expertise – finely tuned instruments and skilled hands are required.

Judge (discern) but don't be a judge. How is this even possible and what might it look like in real life for you this week?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:10.

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV

"From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 ESV

So, here is what we are called to be - ministers of reconciliation.

We are not to be judge and jury but discerning so that we can remember the grace we have received and become ministers of reconciliation.

Not only a minister of reconciliation but an ambassador of Christ. An ambassador is one who fully represents someone else. In reality then, when others see us they are to see Christ. How does that strike you right now in life? Where are areas in your life that you need to lay down selfish practices?

Realizing that sin is not just something that is passe', as we mature we realize that our sins are directly against God Himself – Direct the group to Psalm 51 and hit some highlights of this chapter.

David after his great sin realized that his sin was not just against others but first and foremost, directly against the One who loved Him most and that was God Himself.

Be sensitive to anyone who may need to confess sin and be quick to point them to Christ who is the One who forgives sin and restores our relationship with Him. We are reconcilers and ambassadors of Christ.

Take time to share prayer requests and pray together.