



Critical Kingdom Theology

Sermon Series Discussion Questions - Week 9

1. Matthew 7:1 opens with a familiar verse. Do not judge others and you will not be judged. We learned that there are 2 definitions for the word judge. What were they? What definition was Jesus referring to?
2. Can you think of a cultural example where disagreement turns to devaluing or condemnation?
3. Tim made the point that often we are Capt. Obvious when spotting the faults in others and Capt. Oblivious when it comes to spotting our own faults. Jesus says it has something to do with a vision obstruction. What illustration does He use in verses 3-5?
4. Why do you imagine Jesus calls us to focus on our own plank before we worry about the speck in our friend's eye?
5. Would society change if we earnestly prayed " Lord, show me the plank in my own eye"? If so, how would it change?
6. In Matthew 7:7 Jesus speaks of - asking, seeking and knocking. The placement of this topic is interesting. It is speaking of prayer, as we see when we keep reading. It is also right after he speaks on how to relate to our brothers and sisters. Contrast the two ways we can motivate people: The World's Way - with judgment, force & condemnation. And The Kingdom Way - by asking, seeking, and knocking.