

SUNDAY RECAP

REMIND • REFLECT

The Sunday Recap is a quick rundown of our time of worship together on Sunday. Our hope is that this will help us continue to reflect on the good news of the gospel all week. Enjoy!

SCRIPTURE TO MEDITATE ON:

Matthew 7:3 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?

WORTHY QUOTE:

"I'm grateful he's made me see that I'm an idiot so that I'm a little less quick to judge other idiots" - Paul Zahl

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- What topic (parenting, discipline, earning a living, intelligence, health & fitness, etc.) or group of people (political group, denomination, socio-economic group, married people, parents w more than 2 kids, single people, etc.) am I most judgmental towards? Why am I quick to judge those people or judge around that topic?
- What are some reasons why judgmentalism and the gospel are opposed to each other?

QUESTIONS FOR KIDS

- Even when we have faith in Jesus are we still sinners?
- Who are the really bad sinners?
- Is there anyone that can't have forgiveness in Jesus?
- What do you need forgiveness for?

SUGGESTED RESOURCE

[A Gospel Primer](#) by Milton Vincent

["Acceptance is the difference between Evaluation and Condemnation"](#) by Jacob Ruab

SONGS WE SANG:

[Depth of Mercy](#) by Red Mountain Church

[Trust in You](#) by Lauren Daigle

[Our Great God](#) by Fernando Ortega

[Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace](#) by Red Mountain Church

SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Call to Worship

L: Body of Christ, let us prepare our hearts to receive the Lord, Giver of Life, Healer and Redeemer.

C: Lord, open our hearts and minds to receive your Word.

L: He is the Alpha and the Omega. Through Him, we have everlasting life.

C: Let our hands and feet be ready to worship you, Lord.

L: He is the Father and the Sacrificial Lamb. In him, all things begin and end. He is Creator of all things, and we beloved characters in the tale of His glory.

C: Lord, let words of praise spring from our lips. Let songs of praise pour from our mouths.

L: The Lord God is our Savior, our only need.

We are sustained by His hands and nourished by His word.

C: Heavenly Father, we gather to worship in need of your sustaining love. □ Still our minds and grant peace to our souls as we hear your Word.

Prayer of Confession

L: Heavenly Father, we know that your law is the perfect standard of righteousness and that we have not kept even part of it.

C: We confess that we have failed to live up to your righteous standard to love you and love our neighbor

L: Sadly, even though we know we are not righteous, we often turn to judge our brothers and sisters in order to make ourselves feel like we aren't quite as bad

C: Forgive us for our blindness in focussing on the sins of others while we neglect to see the sin inside us

L: In our sin we have alienated some inside the church and given those outside the church the impression that being a christian is about condemning the lives of others rather than proclaiming the message that 'Jesus Christ is our righteousness'

C: Lord, forgive us. Instead of always being a community of love that points people to the gospel of grace, we are quick to forget the gospel and live contrary to its message.

L: Father we thank you for forgiveness that is never ending, for grace that abounds, and for life in Christ

C: May we now receive your forgiveness, trust that the death of Jesus was sufficient to pay for all our sins, and enjoy life with you. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Hear the words of Psalm 29:11

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May the LORD give strength to his people!

May the LORD bless his people with peace!

We have peace with God and peace with each other because of Christ. Let's enjoy that peace as we greet one another this morning

Benediction

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Corinthians 13:14) Go in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Peace be with you!

C: And Also with You!

SERMON TEXT

Matthew 7:1-6

"Judge not, 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. 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, 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.

Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you."

SERMON SUMMARY: Judging grows out of the soil of denial

SERMON NOTES

Defining "Judging"

- Is that what Jesus is saying "Don't do any discerning. Don't judge any behavior as immoral or wrong"
- **DA Carson** - It Certainly does not command the sons of God to be amorphous, undiscerning blobs who never under any circumstance whatsoever hold any opinions about right and wrong.
- The meaning of judging here seems to be the "judgmental" idea, a critical and condemning attitude.

Problem w judging- its like a BOOMERANG

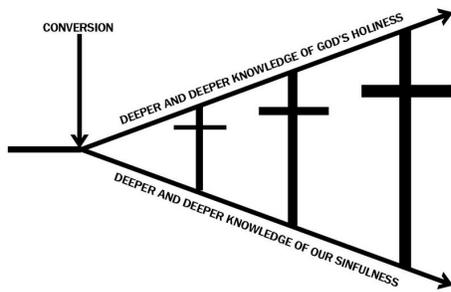
- *The Law is "The Great Equalizer" and everyone is condemned as a sinner*
- The minute we judge we can hear- "Can you imagine someone who would be inconsiderate of another person and their needs?"

Underlying principle- Depravity of human soul

- Depravity of our soul meaning sin is comprehensive
- Miss the true state of our soul or miss its EXPANSIVENESS and you'll be judgemental ("I'm not that bad", "I could never do that", etc.)

****CROSS CHART****

Shows a growing awareness of our sin and a growing understanding of God's Holiness as we journey on in Christian life



What does it mean that we are sinners?

- Immorality? Yes. but more comprehensive and complex than that
- Blindness to the EXTENT of our sin (and blindness that thinks it sees)

What do we know about this person with the log in his/her eye?

- a) Not very self-aware
- b) They aren't part of a committed and loving community
 - People of whom you can ask (How do people perceive me? How have you been experiencing me lately?)
- c) They are blind spec-hunters (but only in others)
 - i) **Seem to have 20/20 vision when it comes to others sin**, but like 20/8 billion when it comes to theirs

Example: David and Nathan 2 Samuel 12:1-7

SOLUTION (v.5)

V.5 "First take the log out of your eye..."

- Jesus saying you are blind to how hemmed in you are.
- You think you are free with regard to sin, but you aren't. It's in your DNA, it's inescapable. **You are a slave to sin.** Ignore that and you'll be devoured by it!
- You need DIVINE INTERVENTION. You are blind to your sin and blind to how encompassed in it you are!

Psalm 139:23-24

*Search me, O God, and know my heart!
 Try me and know my thoughts!
 And see if there be any grievous way in me,
 and lead me in the way everlasting!*

What can help me see my beam?

- a) Know you're blind and pray like Ps.139:23-24
- b) Rehearse the gospel regularly
 - i) **MEMORIZE 1 Tim 1:15 Jesus came to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost**
- c) Hear the Word weekly
- d) Group of people who love you and will extend God's love and grace to you

LASTLY,

V.6 Don't give to Dogs and Pigs

- The pearl of God's grace won't be seen as a great treasure to those who don't have need for it. Those without sin don't need the good news of grace.
- A good summary of Jesus life! His own people rejected him, accused him, and killed him.

But some welcomed his message.

- The prostitutes, sinners, tax collectors, the addicts, the rejects, the bottom dwellers, the really bad people.
- Instead, accept the fact that you have a log in your eye and run to Jesus asking for Him to give you new eyes and new life in him.

SCRIPTURE FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Matthew 7:7-11

Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him!